

THE
Constitutions

OF THE
COMPANY
London OF
Watermen *and* Lightermen,

AS
Amended by the Right Honour-
able the Court of LORD MAYOR and
ALDERMEN:

AND
Afterwards Confirm'd and Approv'd by the
Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice
HOLT and the Lord Chief Justice PARKER.

To which is prefix'd,
A TABLE of the Contents of those By-Laws:
And thereunto annex'd,
An ABSTRACT of the respective Duties
of RULERS, &c.

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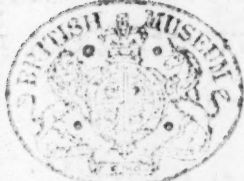
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A TABLE to the Principal Contents of the Statute-Laws in the subsequent Constitution.

IF Watermen or Lightermen Abscond in the time of an Imprest, when summon'd, (as the Statute in that behalf requires) they shall suffer Imprisonment for One Month, and be disabled for enjoying any Privilege of the River for Two Years.

Order 14. page 9, 10.

The Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen empower'd to approve of the By-Laws made by the Company. Ord. 6. p. 5.

And also to review, alter or amend such as are or shall be made, such Alterations being subject to the Approbation of the Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Bench.

Order 16. p. 10, 11.

ASSISTANTS, *vide* p. 97. *their Duty.*

AUDITORS, *vide* p. 96. *their Duty.*

*The Rights of the Lord of Gravesend
Manors sav'd.*

Lightermen, Lighters and Boats.

*Every Lighterman, or Owner, or Keeper
of Lighters, shall be of one Company
with the Wherrymen and Lightermen.*

Order 1. p. 2.

*And all the Lightermen (except as there-
in excepted) before 1701, shall be Re-
gister'd.*

Order 2. p. 2.

*And none but such, or their Servants (or
Free Watermen to be register'd) to
work, on the forfeiture of 5 l. per
Week.*

Order 8. p. 5, 6.

*All Lightermen to be liable to all Orders
made, or to be made, for the better Go-
vernment of this Company.*

Order. 2. p. 2.

*But Owners of Keys, and Woodmongers,
permitted in their own Lighters (and
in their own proper Business) to em-
ploy Lightermen.*

Ord. 12. p. 7, 8.

*Dung-Lighters and Gardeners Boats to
work as before the Act of William the
Third.*

Order 12. p. 8.

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*By whom and how Offenders are to be
punish'd.* Order 7. p. 8.

P O O R.

*All Penalties by Statute-Law, or By-Law;
and what is clear got by Sunday-Fer-
ries, apply'd to the Relief of their Poor.*
Ord. 10. p. 6, Ord. 11. p. 7:

R U L E R S.

*At the first Court of Aldermen, after the
first Day of June, 8 Watermen and
3 Lightermen, by that Court to be an-
nually chosen Rulers of this Company;
And such as refuse to serve, or negli-
gently exercise their Office, to for-
feit 5l.* Order 5. p. 4.
*Rules, Orders and Constitutions to be
made by the Rulers, Auditors and
Assistants in their General Court, &c.*
Ord. 6. p. 5.

W A T E R M E N.

*None but Watermen and their Apprenti-
ces (except Trinity-Men) shall ply or
carry Passengers for Gain between
Gravesend and Windsor.*
Order 9. p. 6.

**A TABLE to the Principal
Contents of the By-Laws, &c.**

A C C O M P T S.

THE Accompts of the Company to be
twice in every Year audited, and
oftner if the General Court shall so
order.

Order 19. pag. 29.

And within one Month after such Audit
to be inspected by the Comptrollers.

Ord. 51. p. 30.

All Disputes relating to the Company's
Accompts, which can't be adjusted by
the General Court, shall be heard be-
fore the Lord Mayor and Aldermen,
&c.

Ord. 19. p. 31.

A P P R E N T I C E S.

Every Member may take as many Appren-
tices as he will—but none to carry
either Passengers or Goods until two
Years bound.

Ord. 9. p. 21.

All to be bound for Seven Years, and
none bound, turn'd-over, register'd or
made free, but at the Hall, and be-
fore the major part of the Rulers, &c.

Ord. 10. p. 22.

None

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None made Free but he that hath actually serv'd Seven Years. Ord. 11. p. 23.

That Apprentice who, without his Master's Consent, leaves him (unless to serve Her Majesty at Sea) shall serve that absent time over again.

Ord. 13. p. 25.

No intended Apprentice to be kept above 40 Days upon Tryal. Ord. 15. p. 26.

Apprentices not to be employed in any other Business than as Watermen or Lightermen, nor to receive any Profits to his or their own Use.

Ord. 1. p. 104, 105.

ASSISTANTS, vide p. 97. their Duty.

AUDITORS, vide p. 96. their Duty.

Beadles, vide p. 102. their Duty.

B O A T S.

All Boats and Lighters to be mark'd, and their Numbers register'd.

Ord. 53. p. 53.

All Rowing with the Tide, to give others Notice; and none to hinder the Passing or Landing of Barges, or other great Boats, having from them due Notice.

Ord. 29. p. 36.

None to Ply, unless his Boat be at the Stairs.

Ord. 30. p. 37.

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None by his Boat to hinder the passing or repassing of any Boat, &c.

Ord. 25. p. 34.

None to Tow a Boat when carrying a Passenger.

Ord. 22. p. 33.

None plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers.

Ord. 31. p. 37.

Against employing any not Free, or Navigating Craft belonging to unregistor'd Persons.

Ord. 2. p. 105.

Boats between London Bridge and Woolwich not to take in more than eight Passengers, and Two by the Way.

Ord. 5. p. 108.

B R I B E S.

None directly or indirectly to take a Bribe to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.

Ord. 5. p. 18.

C O A L S.

None to buy Coals of one sort, and vouch them for another, &c.

Ord. 41. p. 44.

All Lightermen selling Five Chaldron and a Vatt, to sell Water-measure.

Ord. 42. p. 44.

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No Lighterman shall cull Coals, when others have a Share in the Loading.

Ord. 45. p. 46.

Comptrollers, vide p. 50, 51, 52, their Duty.

C O U R T.

A General Court shall be held four times in every Year, and oftner if 20 Auditors and Assistants desire the same.

Ord. 1. p. 12.

The Chairman to be chosen by the General Court.

Ord. 2. p. 13.

Every Court of Rulers to choose a Receiver for that Day, and every one to be there heard in that order in which he came.

Ord. 4. p. 18.

None to refuse to appear at a General Court, or to depart thence without leave.

Ord. 7. p. 20.

The Comptrollers to be Summoned to every Court of Rulers.

Ord. 4. p. 108.

No Misbehaviour to be suffer'd in a General Court, or Court of Rulers.

Ord. 2. p. 13.

DAMAGES

D A M A G E S.

All Damages done by one Boat or Lighter to another, the Rulers shall endeavour to adjust. Ord. 49. p. 49. Ord. 52. p. 52.

E N T R I E S.

Within 10 Days after Binding or making Free, a fair Entry thereof to be made, &c. Ord. 8. p. 20.

F E E S.

A Table of Fees to lie before the Rulers at every Court. Ord. 4. p. 17.

And none to receive more than the settled Fees. Ord. 57. p. 59.

F I N E S.

All to pay their Fines, and Ten Shillings for their Refusals. Ord. 62. p. 65.

F R E E D O M, &c.

Every Member to be made Free to pay Six Shillings. Ord. 54. p. 54.

The Rules to be observ'd by Gravesend Tilt-Boat and Wherries, vide p. 60,

61, 62, 63, 64, 65, —

INFORMER.

*An Informer against an unregist' d Man,
&c. to be rewarded.*

Ord. 50. p. 49, 107.

But any false Informer, to be fin' d.

Ord. 23. p. 33.

Lightermen, &c. Lighters, &c.

*All Lighters as high as Tower-Dock,
shall put their Vessels under Way.*

Ord. 37. p. 41.

*None to carry above one Lighter at a
time Through-Bridge except, &c.*

Ord. 38. p. 42.

*If a Lighter stop in the Bridge, proper
Notice thereof to be given. Ord. 39.
p. 43. and Satisfaction to be made.
&c.*

Ord. 38. p. 42.

*If a Lighter stop on the Hill, the Offender
to make Satisfaction, &c.*

Ord. 40. p. 44.

*None to use another's Lighter without
his Leave.*

Ord. 43. p. 45.

*None to employ an unregist' d Lighter-
man, or work a Foreigner's Lighter,
but for the Foreigner's proper use.
Ord. 44. p. 46. Or go Partner with
a Foreigner.*

Ord. 46. p. 47.

Lighter-

Lightermen may exchange Turns.

Ord. 47. p. 47.

None to loosen another's Lighter from his proper Fast.

Ord. 48. p. 48.

Every Member at Sea, by Letter of Attorney, may Bind or make Free.

Ord. 14. p. 26.

MASTER or MISTRESS, &c.

Every Master or Mistress may take as many Apprentices as they please, but none to suffer his or her Apprentice, till two Years bound, to take charge of a Boat. Ord. 9. p. 21. Every Master or Mistress to give an Apprentice (when offending) moderate Correction, or pay the Penalty.

Ord. 6. p. 29, 30.

MONEY.

All Money belonging to the Company (and not appropriated to their Poor) is under the disposal of the General Court.

Ord. 54. p. 56.

PLY, PLYING, &c.

None Plying along the Shore between Vaux-Hall and Limehouse, to Ply any about to take Water with another.

Ord. 27. p. 35.

All

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All to Ply according to the Rules therein prescrib'd. Ord. 28. p. 35.

None to Ply unless his Boat be at the Stairs. Ord. 30. p. 37.

None plying Westward to take in above Ten Passengers. Ord. 31. p. 37.

None plying the Long Ferry, shall ply one about to take Water with another, unless, &c. Ord. 32. p. 37.

All plying, &c. to keep Way.

Ord. 33. p. 38.

*Rules for plying to be observ'd by Grave-
end Tilt-Boats and Wherries.*

Ord. 61. p. 61, 62, &c.

P O O R.

The Poor to be Quarterly paid, &c.

Ord. 55. p. 56.

Q U A R T E R I D G E.

All Free to pay Six-pence per Quarter, &c.

Ord. 54. p. 55.

R E P E A L ' D.

All former By-Laws, &c. Repeal'd.

Ord. 63. p. 66.

Row.

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ROW-BARGE, &c.

No such to suffer Goods to be plac'd on the Bails, &c. Ord. 58. p. 59.

RULERS, *vide* p. 89, 90, &c. *their Duty.*

STEERS-MAN.

None to act as chief Steers-Man till approv'd of and licens'd; nor take in above 37 at first, and 3 by the Way.

Ord. 59. p. 60.

SUMMONS, &c.

Not appearing upon the first Summons, forfeits 1 s. upon the second 2 s. 6 d. and upon every subsequent Summons 5 s.

Ord. 24. p. 34.

Against Working on Sundays, and Swearing, &c.

No Member, unless permitted by some Justice, or empower'd by the Company &c. shall Row on Sundays: None to Curse or Swear, &c.

Ord. 16. p. 27.

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59. The Condition of the RULER's Bond.
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60. **W**hereas A. B. is chosen one of
the Rulers of the Company
of Watermen and Lighter-
men for the Year next ensuing, pur-
suant to the Statute in that Case
made: If therefore the said A. B.
shall well and truly obserbe, per-
form and keep the several Rules,
Orders and Constitutions made,
or to be made, for the Govern-
ment of the said Company, which
on his Part is to be obserb'd, per-
form'd and kept, and in all other
things well and honestly behave
himself, and faithfully discharge
his Trust in the Execution of the
said Place as long as he conti-
nues therein, and shall not em-
bezzel or misapply any Part of
the Company's Stock which shall
come to his Hand; then this
Obligation to be void, or other-
wise to stand and be in full force
and Vertue.

*A LIST of the Rulers, Audi-
tors, Assistants, and Comptrollers of
the Worshipful Company of Watermen
and Lightermen for the Year 1730.*

RULERS.

Richard Webb,
William Gates,
Benjamin Johnson,
Edward Sadler,
William Rogers,
John Sauley,
William Bauck,
Henry Wood, *jun.*
Daniel Barrow, *jun.*
Edward Erlin, *sen.*
Joseph Bennert,

AUDITORS.

Thomas Charlton,
Robert Mason,
Roger Taylor,
William Garman,
Edward Williamfon,
Stephen Fortee,
Robert Barnard.

ASSISTANTS.

John Bennett,
John Field,
Charles Gurney,
Joseph Hickling,
James Overstreet,
Joseph Brooks,
John Barker,

William Masterman,
Daniel Barrow, *sen.*
William Winch,
Alexander Craig,
Joseph Powell,
Hugh Griffith,
Robert Moore,
John Hosfield,
John Lacy,
William Jeffery,
John Bye,
James Bramston,
George Quantrill,
James Blaby Halfpenny,
John Deare,
Samuel Price,
John Butler,
Richard Tench,
John Dawson, *dead.*
William Williford,
Robert Jones,
James Duncce,
Henry Toby.

COMPTROLLERS.

John Satchwell,
George Harrington,
Robert Warner,
Samuel Richards,
Abraham Carter.

WILLIAM CHURCH, *Clerk.*



RULES, ORDERS, and CONSTITUTIONS

Of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River of Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor, for the better Rule and Government of the said Society or Company, examin'd, alter'd and approv'd by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, and confirm'd by the Right Honourable Sir John Holt, Kt. and the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Kt. late Lords Chief Justices of Her Majesty Queen Ann's Court of Queen's-Bench, pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made and provided.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the 11th and 12th Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Third, Entituled, *An Act for the Explanation*
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and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men Rowing on the River of Thames, and for the better Ordering and Governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen upon the said River, between Gravesend

I. Clause.

and Windsor. It is amongst other things Enacted, That every Lighterman, or Owner, Keeper, or Worker of any Lighter, or other Large Craft on the *Thames*, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, shall be, and be taken to be, of one and the same Society or Company with the said Wherry-men and Watermen; which Wherry-men, Watermen and Lightermen, are thereby made one Society and Company.

II. Clause.

AND that all Lightermen working on the River of *Thames* (except *Trinity-men*, Fishermen, Ballastmen, Western-Barges and Mill-Boats, Chalk-Hoys, Faggot and Wood-Lighters, and other Craft carrying the same) shall be Registered in a Book kept by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and be liable to such Orders, Rules and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company, and the Pains and Penalties to enforce due Obedience thereunto.

III. Clause.

AND that there shall be yearly Appointed, Elected and Chosen

sen by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, for the time being, Eight Persons of the most wise, discreet, and best Sort of Watermen; and Three Persons out of Twelve Persons to be yearly Nominated by the Lightermen of the most wise, discreet, and best sort of Lightermen, being Housholders, having Two Lighters or Flat-Boats upon the said River, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*; which Election shall be at the First Court of Aldermen, to be holden within the said City, next after the First Day of *June*; which said Eleven Persons so Elected, shall be named and called the Overseers and Rulers of all the Wherry-men, Watermen, and Lightermen that shall use, occupy, or exercise any Rowing upon the said River between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*; who shall keep good Orders and Obedience amongst the said Watermen and Lightermen. AND to IV. *Clause.*
that end and purpose the Rulers and Assistants of the said Company, for the time being, shall on the First Court-day, after the First Day of *June*, yearly appoint the Watermen of the Principal Towns, Stairs, and Places of Plying, or the Major part of them respectively, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, to choose one Free Waterman,

terman, being an Housholder, to be of their Assistants, so as they exceed not *Sixty*, nor be less than *Forty* Watermen; and the Lightermen which shall meet at the Hall of the said Company on the First of *June*, between the Hours of Eight and Twelve in the Morning yearly, or the major part of them then present, shall choose *Nine* Lightermen, who, together with the said Watermen, shall be the Assistants of the said Company, to Advise and Assist them for preserving good Government amongst the said Company; which Rulers and Assistants, or the major part of them, shall on the first of *July*, yearly, present to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, for their Approbation, *Five* able and fit Watermen, and Two able and fit Lightermen; which Seven Persons, or the major part of them, shall Audit the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Company, and shall Enter such Accounts in a Book kept for that purpose, and Sign the same; which Book shall be kept in some publick Place in the Company's Hall, for View and Inspection by any Person concern'd.

V. Clause. A N D that if any Ruler, Assistant, or Auditor so Elected, as aforesaid, shall obstinately refuse such Place, or shall negligently

ligerly Exercise the same, every such Offender shall forfeit and pay Five Pounds. AND that the said Rulers, VI. *Clause.* Auditors and Assistants, or the major part of them present, being all duly Summoned, by Summons in Writing, left at the Place of their usual Abode, may make Rules and Orders, with reasonable Penalties, for the good Government of their Society, to be laid before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be by them examin'd, alter'd, or approv'd, and after confirm'd or alter'd by the Lord Chief Justice of either Bench; and then to be binding, and put in Execution. AND that the Lord VII. *Clause.* Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, and the Justices of the Peace within the Shires next adjoyning to the *Thames*, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, and every of them, within their several Jurisdictions, upon Complaint of the Overseers and Rulers, or any Two of them, shall upon Oath hear and determine all Offences committed contrary to the said Act, or to such Rules or Orders of the said Company, and Levy the Penalties thereof by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods. AND that all Persons owning or work- VIII. *Clause.* ing any Lighter or Flat-Boat for unlading

Goods and Merchandize from Ships and other Vessels, and Registring Themselves and Servants, and Places of Abode, in the said Company's Books, by the 29th Day of *September* 1700, are thereby declared Lightermen; and that they, and none but such Registered Persons (besides Free Watermen there after Registered as Lightermen, and such as shall have served their Time to Lightermen) shall keep and work any Lighters or other great Craft, under the Penalty of Five Pounds

IX. *Clause.* *per* Week for every such Offence: AND that none (except *Trinity-Men*) shall Row or Ply on the said River, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, in any Boat, Wherry or Barge, for carrying Passengers for Profit, except such as have served his Apprenticeship, or is a Servant

X. *Clause.* or Apprentice to a Waterman. AND that all the Penalties and Forfeitures appointed by the said Act, or the Rules or Orders made pursuant thereunto, shall be levied in such manner as by the said Act is directed and appointed, and paid to the said Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, for the Use of the Poor and Decayed Persons of the said Society.

XI. *Clause.* AND that it shall and may be Lawful for the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants,
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for the time being, or the major part of them, on any Court-day to appoint any Number of Watermen, not exceeding *Forty*, to Ply and Work on the Lord's Day, between *Vaux-Hall*, above *London-Bridge*, and *Limehouse*, below the same Bridge, at such Common Stairs, or Places of Plying, as to them, or the major part of them, shall seem most convenient for carrying Passengers cross the said River, between the Limits aforesaid, at One Penny, for so carrying each Person; which Waterman so appointed, shall, on every *Monday* Morning, pay unto the Order of the said Overseers, Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, all such Money as shall be so received, who shall pay out of the same to such Persons so working as they shall agree for daily, and the Overplus to be apply'd to the Use of the poor Members of the said Company, and their Widows; And every such Person so working, who shall neglect to pay such Money so earned, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for every such Neglect. PROVIDED XII. *Clauses* nevertheless, the Occupiers of any Key between *Hermitage-Bridge* and *London-Bridge*, may use what lawful Liberty they had before; And Woodmongers

having Wharfs for Retailing Fuel by themselves, and Free Watermen, or Lightermen, may carry their own Goods (only) by them retailed, and the Occupiers of Lay-stalls; and Gardeners may carry their Goods to Market at *London* and *Westminster*, and Places adjacent, and Dung as they formerly have done.

XIII. Clause AND the Rights of the Lord of the Mannor, of *Gravesend*, and of the Mayor, Jurats, and Capital Inhabitants of *Gravesend*, and *Milton* in the County of *Kent* shall continue as formerly; And the Watermen of *St. Margaret's Westminster* may Ply and Carry Passengers cross the River from *Westminster-Bridge* to *Strangate*, and from the *Horse-Ferry* to *Lambeth-Bridge*, on the Lord's Day, in their Turns, paying the Money they so Earn to the Use of the poor and decay'd Watermen of the said Parish, and their Widows; and the Watermen of that Parish, upon the 23d Day of *April* yearly, shall choose Two Stewards and a Clerk, and shall appoint such Watermen as shall so work in their Turns, as aforesaid, as

XIV. Clause more fully appears by the said Act. AND whereas by an Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, Entituled, *An Act*

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for the Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen, and for the better and speedier Manning Her Majesty's Fleet; It is Enacted, That in case the Lord High Admiral, or Three of the Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Time being, shall give Notice to the said Company of Watermen, that there shall be Occasion for such a certain Number of the said Company to serve Her Majesty, and they being duly Summoned, by leaving Notice in Writing at the Place of their usual Abode; if within ten Days after such Summons they shall not appear before the Rulers, such Person so summoned and convicted thereof, shall suffer Imprisonment for one Month, and be disabled from enjoying any Privilege of the said Company for Two Years.

AND whereas by another Act of Par-^{XV. Clause.}liament, made in the said Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, Entituled, *An Act for the better Ordering and Governing the Watermen and Lightermen upon the River of Thames*; Reciting, That whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the First Year of the Reign of King James the First, It is (amongst other Things) Enacted, That no Wherryman, or Waterman,

man, shall take any Apprentice, unless he shall then be of the Age of Eighteen Years at the least, (except the Son of a Waterman) who by the said Act might be taken Apprentice at the Age of Sixteen Years; And that by several of the Rules, Orders and Constitutions made by the said Company, the Increase of Seamen is hindred and prevented, to the great Prejudice of Her Majesty, and the Trade of this Kingdom: It is Enacted, That the said Clause or Clauses in the said Act, of the First Year of King *James* the First, that Restraine the taking of Apprentices until they shall be of the several Ages of Eighteen and Sixteen Years; And the Rules, Orders and Constitutions in the said first mention'd Act, particularly exprest, and all and every other Rule, Order and Constitution made for restraining any Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, that now are, or shall be hereafter Free of the said Company, from taking and breeding of Apprentices, shall be, and are, and is thereby repealed and declared to be void, and of none Effect.

XVI. *Clause* AND that the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*, shall and may, from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, review, re-examine, alter

alter or amend, all such Rules and By-Laws which relate to the Apprentices of Watermen and Lightermen, and all other Orders and Constitutions, which have been made then, before, or which shall hereafter be made for the Government of the said Watermen and Lightermen, which Alterations and Amendments shall be subject to the Approbation of the Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of *Queen's-Bench* for the time being ; and that all such Rules, Orders and Constitutions so re-viewed, re-examined, alter'd or amended, and approv'd, shall be well and duly observed and put in Execution, the said recited Acts or Rules, or any other Act, Clause or Rule, Order or Constitution to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Now the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, at a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, held at the *Guild-Hall* of the said City, the 23d Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1707, and in the Seventh Year of Her said Majesty's Reign, in pursuance of the Power and Authority given to them, have seriously and deliberately re-viewed, re-examined, altered and amended all such Rules and By-

By-Laws of the said Company which relate to Apprentices of Watermen and Lightermen, and all other the Orders and Constitutions of the said Company, for the Government of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and have settled and established the same to be duly observed and put in execution by the said Company from time to time, according to the purport, true intent and meaning of the Statutes and Laws in that behalf made and provided; which Rules, Orders, By-Laws and Constitutions so re-viewed, re-examined, and by them so altered and amended, are as followeth: (*viz.*)

I. A General Court.

IMPRIMIS, That a Court of Assistants of the said Company shall be called by the Rulers, and held by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the said Company, or the major part of them, in the Common-Hall or Meeting-place of the said Company in *London*, Four times at the least in every Year; (That is to say) in the Months of *May, August, November, and February*, and oftner if Twenty of the said Auditors and Assistants, for the time being, shall under their Hands desire the same; to which all the Auditors and Assistants, for the time being, shall by Order

Order of the said Rulers, or the major part of them, given to the Clerk of the said Company, be duly summoned, by leaving a Summons in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk of the said Company, for the time being, at their respective Dwellings, or usual Places of Abode, Three Days before such Court of Assistants is to be held and kept; and that such of the said Rulers, or Clerk, neglecting their Duty therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That when the major part of the said Company are met and assembled to keep such Court, they shall in the First place Elect and Choose a fit and able Person from amongst themselves to be Chairman of the said Court, who shall take care to see decent and good Order kept and maintained there by the respective Members thereof, and also in all Matters and Things there proposed and debated; and if the said Chairman, for the time being, shall leave the Chair without the Consent of the said Court, such Chairman, so offending, shall forfeit Five Pounds. And also, if any Member of the said Court shall there demean himself,

II. *The Chairman of the General Court.*

himself, Turbulently or Disorderly, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

III. Choice *ITEM,* That the Clerk, Beadles, and of Clerk and all other the Publick Officers and Ser-
Beadles, and vants of the said Company, shall Annu-
the Clerk's ally in *December*, and oftner if occasion
Bond and shall require, be Elected and Chosen at a
Duty. General Court of Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the said Company, and not otherwise; and that the Clerk, together with Two sufficient Sureties (to be approved by the said Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, or the major part of them in a Court of Assistants) shall, within Fourteen Days after such Election, enter into a Bond, in the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds, to the Chamberlain of London, for the time being, with Condition thereto, as hereafter followeth: *Viz.* *The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bound A. B. who is elected Clerk to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen Rowing upon the River of Thames, shall well and truly observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or hereafter to be made, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company on his part,*

to be observed, performed and kept, and in all other things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust in the Execution of the said Place for so long time as he shall continue therein; And shall not imbezzle or mis-employ any Sum or Sums of Money belonging to the Common Stock of the said Company which shall come to his hands, then this Obligation to be void, or else to be and remain in full force and vertue. And in case of Failure to enter into the said Bond, such Election shall be void, any former Order or Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which said Bond shall be so taken by the Town-Clerk of the City of London, as hath been usual, and by him kept in Trust for the said Company, and to be put in Suit upon Application made to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen by the General Court of this Company, and giving the Chamberlain, for the time being, Security to save him harmless against Costs of Suit, by reason of such Prosecution; and the Clerk, for the time being, shall keep a Book, and therein duly enter Minutes of all Orders and Resolutions of the General Court and Courts of Rulers, and other Publick Meet-

Meetings, and draw up Orders thereupon within Four Days after, and present the same to the next Court, to be considered and altered, or approved; and after such Approbation, shall within Six Days Post, and fairly enter such Orders in a Book to be kept for that purpose, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings for every Omission,

*IV. Orders
to be Observed
by every
Court of Rulers.*

ITEM, That at the Meeting of every Court of Rulers, a Receiver from among themselves shall be chosen, who shall for that Day keep the Key of the Court-Box, and an Account in Writing of what each Person hath that Day paid, and upon telling over that Day's Cash in the Presence of the Clerk, and the major part of the Rulers then present, and comparing the same with such Receivers, and the Clerk's Entries; if there shall happen to be any Deficiency in the Cash received, such Receiver shall make good the same at the then next Court of Rulers, or forfeit to the Use of the Poor of this Company, double as much as was so deficient: But if the Cash appears to be more than was Entred by such Receiver or Clerk, then shall such Receiver and Clerk make a particular Entry of such Overplus, or shall forfeit
Twenty

Twenty Shillings for every Five Shillings not so accounted for ; and at the close of every such Court, the Rulers then present shall sign the Day-Book, or each of them neglecting so to do, shall forfeit to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Twenty Shillings. And it is further order'd, That but one Business shall be under the Consideration of the Court, at one time, in which the Chairman in such Court shall keep good Order ; And that such Ruler who in that Court behaves himself disorderly, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Five Shillings ; and in every such Court a small Table of Court-Fees shall lie before the Rulers, to the intent the said Fees may be more readily known ; and if the Beadle, or Beadles, who for the time being shall keep the Hall-Door, or Doors, shall voluntarily let in any person (Rulers or Clerk excepted) without Order from the Chairman for the time being, such Beadle, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid Two Shillings and Six Pence. And it is further order'd, That the *Sunday* Ferry-money shall be from henceforth kept separate from the other Cash belonging to the Company ; and if any Ruler shall mix them together, so that

it cannot be known how much is *Sunday* Ferry-money, and what the other Cash of the Company so mix'd, doth amount unto, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds. And it is further order'd, That the proper Business of all Members shall be heard in that order in which they come; And one of the Beadles, then present, shall enter every Person down in that order in which he came to that Court, and give a List of such Names to the Chairman for the time being, or forfeit Two Shillings and Six Pence. But if the Rulers cannot hear all Persons which attend on any one Court-day, then such Person or Persons shall be first heard, in their former Turns, at the next subsequent Court, as soon as they shall respectively come thereunto, any thing herein before contained to the contrary hereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

V. No Members of a General Court to take Money, &c. to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c. I T E M, That if any Member of the said Company shall, or do, directly or indirectly, by himself, or any Person or Persons, receive or take any Fee or Reward to give his Vote or Suffrage, or to solicit or procure any other Member to give his Vote or Suffrage in any Election, or any other Matter or Thing to be ordered, settled

ted or done in any such Court, or at any other Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, or the Overseers or Rulers thereof, such Person or Persons so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Ten Pounds; and shall be also therefore disabled to continue, or be a Member of any of the said Courts, or hold any Office of or in the said Company.

ITEM, That if any Three of the VI. A Ruler, Auditor, Comptrollers of this Company, for the time being, shall under their hands charge Assistant or before the Court of Lord Mayor and Clerk, for Aldermen, any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Corruption, Comptroller, Clerk, or other Officer, &c. may be with such an Offence, for which his Place dismiss'd. or Office ought to be forfeited, and shall convict him thereof before the said Court, (Ten Days time at the least having been first allowed the said Offender to make his Defence) that then, and in every such Case, the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall and may remove and discharge every such Person or Persons so convicted from his Place and Office; And so many others shall (according to the Rules and Constitutions of this Company) be chosen in their room,

VII. *All Members of a General Court to appear.* **I T E M,** If any Member of such Court of Assistants, being duly summoned as aforesaid, shall and do, without just and reasonable Cause, absent himself, and neglect to appear according to such Summons; or having appeared, shall depart without leave of the said Court, before such Court be dismissed, without such Cause; that then, and in either of such Cases, such Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

VIII. *All Bound and made Free to be fairly Entred.* **I T E M,** The Rulers, for the time being, shall provide and keep one or more large and convenient Book, or Books, wherein from the proper Day-Books, by the Clerk for the time being, shall be Registered from time to time, every Apprentice of the said Company, or Person to be made Free of the said Company, within Ten Days next after such Binding or Freedom respectively; and the Day and Year when, and the true Name and Place of Abode of any such Person so Bound, or made Free, and how long he served, or how else such Person became intituled unto his Freedom from time to time; and if the said Clerk shall omit or neglect to make such Entry or Register, he shall, for every such Offence, forfeit

feit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That every Waterman and Lighterman, Free, or to be Free of the said Company, and Registred as aforesaid, or his or their Widow, shall or may take and bind to serve him or her as Apprentice or Apprentices, as many Persons as he or she shall think fit, to the intent that the Number of Watermen and Lightermen may be increased for the Service of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and the better carrying on the Trade and Merchandize of Her Majesty's Subjects both in Peace and War. And it is further ordered and agreed, That if any Master or Mistress shall cause or suffer his or their Servant or Apprentice, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided, to take on Board any Person or Persons, or his or their Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, to carry the same upon the said River of *Thames*, before such Servant or Apprentice hath Rowed with some able Waterman for the space of Two Years; Every such Master or Mistress, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

IX. Every Member may take as many Apprentices as he will, but none till two Years bound to carry Passengers or Goods.

X. *Apprentices how to be Bound, Turn'd over, Registred, and made Free.*

ITEM, Every such Master and Mistress shall Bind every such Apprentice by Indenture, attested and subscribed by the Clerk of the said Company, and Two of the Rulers at the least, at the Common Hall, in the said City of *London*, and not elsewhere, to serve him or her for the Term of Seven Years at the least, and shall then and there cause such Binding to be duly and fairly Entred and Registred in a Book of the said Company, to be by them provided and kept for that purpose. And further, That such Apprentice shall not be Bound, Assigned over, Registred or made Free of the said Company, but when the major part of the Rulers are present, and not until the End of Seven Years, to be accounted from the true and real time of such Binding as aforesaid, and all other Bindings, Assignings, Over-Registings and Freedoms, shall be, and are hereby declared to be void, and of none effect.

XI. *None to be made Free till he hath served Seven Years.*

ITEM, That no Apprentice shall be made Free of the said Company, unless he hath actually served his Master or Mistress as a Waterman or Lighterman, or Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors as a Seamen, for the Term of Two Years at the least, before admitted to go to

to Sea on Board any Merchant-Ship, tho' with the Consent of his Master or Mistress, and during Seven Years in the whole, after which he shall be duly intituled to his Freedom of the said Company; And all Freedoms shall hereafter be made and passed in the Presence of the major part of the Rulers at the least, and the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, who shall then Enter and Register the same Freedoms, and the major part of the Rulers then present, and the Clerk shall subscribe their Names as Witnesses thereof; and in default of so doing, such Ruler or Rulers, or Clerk, who shall neglect their Duty therein, shall each and every of them respectively forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds: And the Person made Free contrary hereunto, shall be struck out of the Company's Books, and his Freedom so obtain'd shall be null and void. And that no Apprentice, duly intituled to be made Free of the said Company, shall be deny'd to be made Free of the same in manner aforesaid, nor omitted to be Registered, as is above directed; and in case the Rulers or Clerk of the said Company, being thereunto requested by such Apprentice, shall refuse or neglect so to do,

every Person so offending, shall, for every such Refusal or Neglect, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds.

XII. *All Apprentices, after their Master's Death, to be Turn'd over, &c.*

ITEM, That every Apprentice, whose Master and Mistress shall happen to die, or give over his or her Employment, (not Exercising the same by Himself or Servant) upon the said River, shall within Fourteen Days (if at home) apply himself to the Rulers for the time being, and shall at his Request, and by his Consent, be by them, or the major part of them, turned over to some other able and fit Master or Mistress, being Free of the said Company, and willing to take him, by Indorsing such Turn-over upon his Indenture of Apprenticeship, and Registering the same by a *Memorandum* under the Entry of his first Binding; and in default thereof, such Apprentice shall serve the time of such Neglect over again to some new Master or Mistress; but it shall and may be lawful for such Apprentice, when at Sea, to signify by his Letter, subscribed by Two Witnesses, that he desires to be Turned over to such new Master or Mistress as he shall in such Letter particularly name, to serve the remaining Part of his Time; and upon producing

ducing such Letter to the Rulers, when in proper Court, he shall be Turned over accordingly; and every Ruler that shall refuse to Turn over an Apprentice according to this Order, shall, for every such Refusal, forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds.

ITEM, That no Apprentice, before the time of his Apprenticeship be expired, shall, without the Consent of his Master or Mistress first had and obtained in writing, under his or her Hand, depart from his said Master or Mistress upon any pretence or occasion whatsoever, unless to Enter himself a Volunteer into the Sea-Service of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or be Impressed into Her Majesty's Service at Sea, or to serve on Board some Merchant-Man by the Consent of his Master or Mistress, whereby his Wages and Pay shall and do belong to his Master or Mistress: And every Apprentice so departing, save as aforesaid, shall thereby lose the Time he shall so absent himself, and shall serve his Master or Mistress so long after the Expiration of the Term of his Apprenticeship, as he was so unduly absent from his or her Service, or make his Master or Mistress full Satisfaction for such Absence, before
he

XIII. No
Apprentice
to leave his
Service, un-
less to serve
the Queen,
&c.

he shall be admitted to his Freedom of the said Company, or permitted to Row as a Waterman, or Work as a Lighterman upon the said River.

XIV Every Member at Sea, by Letter of Attorney, may Bind or make Free.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighterman, when going to, or being at Sea, shall leave with, or send to his Wife, or any Three of the Rulers of the said Company, a General Letter of Attorney, or a Special Letter of Attorney for that purpose, she or they shall have the same Liberty of Binding and making Free their Apprentices, as if their said Husbands were at the same time present. And if any Wife or Friends of any Member of this Company, when abroad, shall apply to the Rulers, for the time being, on behalf of such Member, to make such Apprentice Free, who shall then appear to be duly intituled to his Freedom; the Rulers, for the time being, shall thereupon make such Apprentice Free of the said Company.

XV None to be kept, before Bound, above Forty Days upon Trial.

ITEM, That no Person shall be kept by any Freeman of the said Company, upon Trial more than Forty Days, before he shall be duly Bound and Registered as his Apprentice, upon pain that every Person offending therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of

Twenty

Twenty Shillings for every Week after he shall so keep such Person so unbound and unregistred.

ITEM, That no Person Free of the said Company, nor his or their Apprentices or Servants, shall on the Lord's-Day Ply or Row upon the said River, unless upon an Extraordinary Occasion to be allowed of by some Justice of the Peace, or such as are appointed so to do, as aforesaid, upon pain of Five Shillings; nor shall strike nor revile any Ruler, Auditor, or Assistant, upon pain of Ten Shillings; nor any other Free Waterman or Lighterman, or his Apprentice, or any Passenger upon the said River, upon pain of Two Shillings; nor Ply nor Row when Drunk, nor shall suffer any Fair unskilled to Row with both Sculls when in Drink, nor shall prophanely Curse or Swear upon pain of Two Shillings, which Offences shall be proved before the major part of the said Rulers; and if such an Offender then be an Apprentice, and do refuse to pay the said respective Penalties, he shall receive moderate Correction from his said Master before the major part of the Rulers, or else such Master shall pay such respective Penalties for him.

XVI. None to Work on the Lord's-Day, &c. or revile or strike another, &c.

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XVII. No *ITEM,* That no Victualler shall be capable to be Elected, or made a Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle to the said Company; and in case any Person after he shall be chosen a Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle, shall and do by himself, or by his Wife, or any other, set up, use or keep a Victualling-house, Brandy-house, or other Publick-house for Sale of Liquors, during such time as he shall be a Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle; every Person so doing shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Ten Shillings a Week for every Week he shall continue so to do; And no Member of this Company shall hereafter be capable of being chosen an Assistant at any other Stairs, but where he doth usually Ply.

XVIII. A *ITEM,* It is farther agreed and ordered, That if any one or more of the Rulers or Auditors shall happen to die, or be turned out for Corruption in his or their Office, or any other reasonable Cause, or shall Fine for not Serving his Office, during the Year wherein such Ruler or Auditor was to have served in such Office; That then, and in every such Case, the Place of the Person or Persons so dying, or being dismiss'd, or refusing to serve

serve as aforesaid, shall be supply'd by Electing others in his or their stead, in the same manner as is before appointed for their first Choice.

IT E M, The Rulers and Assistants of the said Company for the time being, or the major part of them, on the First Day of *May*, Yearly and every Year, (except it falls on a *Sunday*, and then on the *Monday*, next following) shall at a Court by them to be held, choose Five Persons, able and fit Watermen, understanding Accounts, not then being a Ruler or Rulers of the said Company, and Two Persons able and fit Lightermen, understanding Accounts, not then being a Ruler or Rulers, to be presented yearly to the Court of Lord-Mayor and Aldermen, at the first Court of Aldermen that shall be holden in the Month of *July* then next following, to the intent they may be Examined; and if found so fitly qualified, then to be Admitted, Approved and Allowed to be Auditors of the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Company for the Year ensuing. But in case the said Court shall upon Examination, find them, or any of them, not as before duly qualified to serve the said Office of Auditor of the said Accounts, and shall

XIX. Auditors to be Chosen.

shall therefore refuse to approve and admit such Person or Persons so found unfit, and not duly qualified to execute the said Trust and Office, then the said Rulers and Assistants of the said Company for the time being, or the major part of them, shall within Ten Days after such refusal, duly Summons, or cause to be Summoned a Court of Rulers and Assistants; and then and there other fit Persons understanding Accounts, shall be elected and chosen by the said Court, instead of such as were so found unfit, and not duly qualified as aforesaid, to serve the said Office, and therefore rejected by the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, as aforesaid; and shall present such Person or Persons so newly elected and chosen, to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, within fourteen Days next after such new Choice and Election, to be Examined by the then next subsequent Court of Aldermen, or within One Month next after such Presentment, as aforesaid; and if qualify'd, as aforesaid, then to be admitted to execute the said Office; who when so established, shall Examine and Audit the Accounts of the Rulers and others of the said Society and Company for the time being, twice in every Year,
from

from Year to Year, as aforesaid, and oftener, if the said general Court shall so Order: And it is further Ordered, that the said Rulers shall upon all occasions that shall happen, other then what relates to the entring of Apprentices, and making them Free, or the like, Summons the said Auditors for their Advice and Assistance, in the Ordering and Management of the Affairs of the said Company; And if what the said Auditors or the major part of them then present, shall disallow in the said Accounts, be objected against by the said Rulers, or the Majority of them, or other such Particulars in such Accounts so objected against, shall be presented to the next general Court of Rulers and Assistants by them to be settled; and if they cannot duly settle and adjust the same, then, upon Complaint thereof, and Appeal to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, such Dispute and Difference shall be there heard, in order to determine the same if they can, in such manner as to them shall seem just and reasonable, for the common Good of the said Company.

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XX. Ru- **ITEM,** that no Ruler or Rulers of the said
lers not to Company, shall expend or lay out in any
expend a- one Year above the Sum of Five Pounds
bove 5 l. in without an Order of a general Court
one Year, of the said Company for the time being
and to Pro- or refuse effectually to Prosecute any Of-
fenders. fenders against any of the Laws or Con-
stitutions of this Company, when due
Proof shall appear before them; and that
such Ruler or Rulers acting contrary
hereunto, shall, when duly Convicted
thereof, be dismiss'd from being Ruler
and not capable of being any more
Elected into the said Office, or other
Employment in the said Company.

XXI. Ru- **ITEM,** That the Rulers for the time
lers to ap- being, according to the ancient Customs,
point Ply- shall yearly, and every year, in the Month
ing-Places. of *June*, set forth and appoint the Plying-
Places of all Watermen, at each of their
respective Towns and Plying-Places, be-
tween *Vaux-Hall*, above, and *Lyme-*
House, below *London-Bridge*, by the
usual and accustomed Mark: And in
neglect thereof, each and every of the
said Rulers shall forfeit and pay to the
use aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shil-
lings. And that the said Rulers shall
once in Two Years, in the Month of
July, set forth and appoint the Plying-
Places

Places between *Vaux-Hall* and *Windsor*:
And likewise once in Two Years, all Places where Watermen shall Ply, between *Limehouse* and *Gravesend*; and in Neglect thereof, each of the said Rulers, for the time being, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Waterman having in **XXII.** None
his Boat or Wherry any Passengers, and to Tow a
at the same time shall presume to fasten Boat when
to his said Boat any other Boat, to Tow he carries a
the same after him, he shall forfeit and Passenger.
pay for every such Offence, to the Use
aforesaid, the Sum of Half a Crown.

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighter- **XXIII.** A
man be summoned to appear as a Wit- *Witness*
ness against any other Waterman or Ligh- *summoned*
terman, charged with the Breach of any to have *Al-*
known Law, Rule, Order or Constitu- *lowance, a*
tion of this Company, in order to the *false Infor-*
convicting him or them of any Offence, *mer to make*
the Person so summoned, and attending *Satisfaction.*
accordingly, shall for his or their Ser-
vice or Attendance, have such Satisfac-
tion as the said Rulers, or the major part
of them, for the time being, in their Dis-
cretion shall think reasonable; and if the
Person or Persons complaining shall not
make due Proof against the Person of
C whom

whom the Complaint is made ; The said Complainant shall make such reasonable Satisfaction to the Person so unjustly accused, as the said Rulers in their Discretion shall think fit and convenient ; such Allowance not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

XXIV. *Forfeitures for not appearing upon Summons.*

ITEM, If any Waterman or Lighterman shall be duly summoned to appear to Answer any Complaint, and shall not appear (not having a reasonable Excuse) he shall for such his Non-appearance forfeit and pay One Shilling ; And on the second Summons forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence ; And for such Non-appearance, upon every subsequent Summons, not having such Excuse, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XXV. *None to hinder others passing to or from the Stairs.*

ITEM, That no Waterman, or his Apprentice, shall stick up and lay his Boat at his Staff, so as to hinder and prevent due and orderly passing of any Boat or Wherry unto or from any Stairs or Landing-places, or to or from the Roads-end of the Boats, but shall lie and stick up their said Staves clear of the said Stairs or Landing-places ; and beyond the said Roads-end, on pain that the Owner of every such Boat, lying in any other manner, shall forfeit and pay, for every such

such Offence, the Sum of Six-pence to the Use aforesaid.

ITEM, That the Rulers, Auditors, XXVI. *Ru-
Assistants, Comptrollers and Trustees of lers, Audi-
the said Company, for the time being, tors, and
from time to time shall serve the said Assistants,
Company in each of their respective Trustees and
Stations and Offices, without any Fee or Comptrollers
Reward. to serve
without Fee
or Reward.*

ITEM, If any Waterman, or their XXVII. *None Row-
Apprentice (while Rowing along the ing along the
Shore, between Vaux-Hall and Lime- Shore to Ply
house) shall Ply, or take in any Fare or one about to
Passenger coming down, or standing on take Water
the Stairs or Shore, as about to take with ano-
Water; that have agreed, or are treating in ther.*
order to agree with a Waterman to carry them to their respective Landing, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence (besides making Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong received) to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling.

ITEM, If any Waterman shall here- XXVIII. *Rules for
after presume to Ply any Fare, for the Plying Fares*
Carrying such Fare their Goods or Merchandizes, before he shall have arrived to the publick Place of being plied, or stand and ply before the Plying-place from time to time set forth and appoint-

ed by the Rulers for the time being, or their Order, or shall follow any Fare when taking Water, beyond the usual Mark appointed to restrain them; Every Waterman, and their Apprentice offending herein, shall each of them forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling; and also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged (if any be) according to the Value of the Fare so carried.

XXIX

*Those Row-
ing with the
Tide to give
others No-
tice.*

ITEM, If any Waterman Rowing with the Tide or Stream, shall neglect to give Notice or Warning (which he is hereby required to give) at a reasonable Distance, to all Persons Rowing cros or against the Stream or Tide; if any Damage happen, the Waterman offending shall not only make Satisfaction for such Damage as the other Waterman shall sustain by such Neglect, but shall, for every such Offence, further forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of One Shilling: And every Waterman who shall interrupt, or any ways hinder the Passing or Landing of any of the Nobilities Barges, or other Barges carrying Passengers, or any Tilt-Boat, Row-Barge, or Light-horse-man, having from them respectively due Notice given, he

he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, half a Crown.

ITEM, That no Waterman, between **XXX.**
Gravesend and Windsor, shall Ply any *None to Ply,*
 Fare or Passengers, except his Boat or *unless his*
 Wherry be at the Stairs or Place at *Boat be at*
 which they Ply, in order to receive the *the Stairs.*
 said Fare or Passengers, on pain to forfeit
 and pay, as aforesaid, Five Shillings.

ITEM, If any Waterman plying the **XXXI.**
 Long-Ferry, Westward, shall receive or *None Plying*
 take in to any small Boat or Wherry, or *Westward to*
 have therein above the Number of Ten *take in a-*
 Passengers at one time, or shall carry *bove Ten*
 any Passengers from the Place at which *Passengers.*
 he first plied them, to any other Stairs
 or Place, with an intent to Ply other
 Passengers, (except such Passengers as
 stand and call them in by the Way, or
 to meet such Passengers as before have
 appointed them) every Waterman, trans-
 gressing in either of those Kinds, shall
 forfeit and pay, for every such Offence,
 as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the
 Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence.

ITEM, No Waterman plying the Long- **XXXII.**
 Ferry, shall hereafter presume to Ply any *Plying the*
 Fare, about to take Water with some o- *Long-Ferry.*
 ther Waterman (whose proper Turn it is)

for the Town-Stairs or Plying-place at which he lives or plies (except such Fare shall signify his or her Knowledge of such Waterman, or the Waterman prove his Knowledge of such Fare, or the said Fare shall ask for a Waterman living or plying at such respective Town or Stairs, on pain of forfeiting for every such Offence, besides making Satisfaction to the Party thereby depriv'd of his Fare, the Sum of One Shilling to the Use aforesaid.

XXXIII.

Plying between
Woolwich
and King-
stone.

ITEM, That all Watermen Plying at any Town-Stairs, or Plying-Places, between *Woolwich* in the County of *Kent*, and *Kingstone* upon *Thames* in the County of *Surrey*, shall keep way, (that is to say) First come to have the Preference of him that comes after ; provided this Order shall not extend to hinder or prevent the Watermen of the several Stairs and Plying-places from keeping a Morning-Turn, which shall hereafter be kept from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*, at Seven of the Clock in the Morning, and from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day* at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, at which Hours the Country-Watermen shall have equal Privilege and Turn keeping with the Townsmen; provided neither Townsmen nor Countrymen have had a Fare before

at before those Hours, above the Value of
are Six-pence for every Pair of Oars, and
ch Three-pence for every Sculler in each
his Morning; and every Waterman within
are the Limits aforesaid who shall transgress
ly in either of those Kinds, shall forfeit and
irs, pay (besides making Satisfaction to the
Of- Person wronged, according to the Wrong
he receiv'd) for every such Offence, to the
he Use aforesaid, the Sum of Six-pence.

ITEM, That every Ruler and Assistant, XXXIV:
and other Officer, having receiv'd a Com- *Rulers or*
plaint of and against any Waterman or *Assistants re-*
Lighterman, or knowing of any Offence *ceiving any*
committed by any Member of this So- *Complaint,*
ciety, contrary to any of the Rules there- *or knowing*
of, shall give Notice thereof to the next *of any Of-*
Court of Rulers held by them, or within *fence, shall*
Ten Days, on pain to forfeit and pay, *inform,*
for every such Neglect, to the Use afore-
said, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM, That from henceforth all Per- XXXV.
sons Navigating any Lighter or Lighters, *Lighters*
or any other Craft to or from any Ship *shall have*
or Vessel, or any Place of Loading or *their Turns.*
Unloading (where they have a Right to
Load or Unload) shall observe their pro-
per Turn or Turns; (That is to say)
The said first Lighter or Craft laid on
Board the Ship or Vessel, or coming to
any

any Place of Loading or Unloading, to have the Preference of them that come after both in Loading and Place of Lying till loaded or unloaded; And each Person that by Force, Violence, or otherwise, shall hinder or prevent him whose proper Turn it is, so to load or unload shall forfeit and pay to the Person wronged of his said Turn, the Sum of Forty Shillings; and shall further forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XXXVI.
Lighters
turned a-
drift.

ITEM, If any Lighter or Flat-Boat be turned a-drift (or by any means shall happen to be a-drift) or be taken away from any Ship or Vessel, or any Place of Loading or Unloading, by any Person whatsoever (except the Owner or his Servant, or by their, or either of their Consents) such Lighter, Flat-Boat, or other Craft, shall not lose their Turn in Loading or Unloading those Goods they were to Load or Unload; provided the said Lighter or other Craft be brought on Board the said Ship or Vessel, or Place of Loading or Unloading, the next Flood or Ebb after she so happened to go, or be taken from the said Ship, or Place of Loading or Unloading, as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons who, without such Consent,

Consent, turned the said Lighter, or other Craft, a-drift from the said Ship or Vessel, or Place of Loading or Unloading; or who, when the said Craft is returned on Board, or to the Place of Loading or Unloading, shall any ways hinder or molest the Person employ'd in Working the said Craft, to Load or Unload in his proper Turn, as he was to have done before the turning or going away of the said Lighter, or other Craft, as aforesaid, he or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Person wronged Twenty Shillings; and to the Use of the Poor aforesaid, Five Shillings.

ITEM, That all Lightermen, and their XXXVII.
 Servants, working in and bringing up *Lightermen*
 any Lighter or other Craft on the Flood- *as high as*
 Tide, and being therein as high as *Tower-*
Dock, shall put their said Lighters, or o- *Dock to put*
 ther Craft, under Way, and in their pro- *their Vessel*
 per Ranks, without striving to get into *under Way,*
&c.
London-Bridge one before another, which
 is of dangerous Consequence to Persons,
 Goods and Lives; and if any Lighter-
 man, or his Servant, or Apprentice, shall
 offend in either of these Kinds, such Per-
 son so offending, shall forfeit and pay
 to the Use of the Poor aforesaid, the
 Sum of Five Shillings, besides making
 Satisf-

Satisfaction for the Damages sustained.

XXXVIII. *Not to carry above one Lighter at a time thro' London-Bridge, except, &c.* **ITEM,** That no Lighterman, or his Servants, or Apprentice, shall hereafter presume to Row or Navigate thro' *London-Bridge*, on the Flood-Tide, above one Lighter, or one Flat-Boat, or other like Craft, at one time (except at High-Water) nor on the Ebb at a Horsing-Water (That is to say) at such times of Tide as its probable the said Lighter or other Craft may stop in the Bridge, on pain of making Satisfaction to every Person thereby wronged, and also to forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any Person working in any Lighter, or other Craft, for want of Care or Skill to work in the said Bridge, his Lighter or other Craft shall stop therein, every such Lighterman shall not only make full Satisfaction to the Persons thereby damnified, but shall also forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: And if any Controversy shall happen to arise thereupon, the Rulers, for the time being, shall hear and endeavour to determine the same.

ITEM,

ITEM, That if it happen that any XXXIX.
 Lighter or other Craft shall stop in the *A Lighter*
 Bridge, the Person working the same *stopping in*
 shall with all possible speed send a Man *the Bridge;*
 in a Boat to give Notice to all such Per- *Notice there-*
 sons as are working of any Craft between *of to be*
 the said Bridge and St. Katherine's Dock *given.*
 on the Flood-Tide, and between the said
 Bridge and *Queenhitb* on the Ebb-Tide,
 to the End they may timely secure the
 same; and if it happen in the Night-
 time that any Craft is so stopt in the said
 Bridge, besides the Notice to be given
 in a Boat, as aforesaid; there shall also
 be set up a Light in the Vessel so stopt
 (or some other convenient Place) as a
 sign or token of the Lock being stopt,
 that others may avoid the Danger; And
 every Master of Craft, or their Servants
 or Apprentices, neglecting to do as aforesaid,
 shall forfeit and pay, for every such
 Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of
 Ten Shillings: But if an Offender be
 an Apprentice, and the Master of such
 Servant or Apprentice shall refuse to pay
 the said Penalty for him, then the said
 Servant shall suffer the severest Correction
 and Punishment as by Law can be in-
 flicted upon him for the same.

ITEM,

XL. *None to carry his Lighter Through-Bridge, when the Water is not sufficient to carry them over the Hill.*

ITEM, That if any Person Row or Navigate any Lighter, or other large Craft, through *London-Bridge*, on the Flood-Tide, before the Water is of sufficient Height to carry such Lighter over the Hill, on the other Side of the said Bridge, and shall stop thereon, each Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and make full Satisfaction to every Person receiving Damage by Reason thereof.

XLI. *For buying and selling Coals.*

ITEM, If any Lighterman shall buy Coals of one sort, and Vouch them to be of another sort, which gives great Disappointment, and is of very ill Consequence to the Consumer; every Person therein offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings to the Use aforesaid.

XLII. *Lightermen to sell Water-measure, &c.*

ITEM, It is agreed and order'd, that all Lightermen selling Coals, shall sell Pool-measure, commonly call'd Water-measure; That is to say, One and Twenty Chaldron to the Score, or otherwise to sell the same Measure each Person buys, (provided the Parcel be Five Chaldron and a Vatt at the least) and each Person doing the contrary, shall forfeit and pay for every Vatt of Coals sold short of the Measure,

Measure, so bought to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings; and shall likewise make to the Person or Persons he hath so defrauded of his just Measure, full Satisfaction according to the Wrong done, or forfeit Ten Pounds to the Use aforesaid; and shall also be posted up at the four Corners of *Billingsgate-Market*, as a fraudulent and unjust Person, when and so oft as such Offender or Offenders shall be discover'd, save only that out of the Penalty aforesaid, there shall be paid by the Rulers, for the Time being, to such Persons as shall true Information give against any such Offender, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Lighterman, or his XLIII.
Apprentice, shall hereafter presume to take and use any other Man's Lighter, or *None to use another's*
other Craft, without leave first had and *Lighter, &c.*
obtained of the proper Owner thereof; every such Offender shall not only forfeit and pay to such Owner all such Sum and Sums of Money as he Earned in the said Craft while he used the same, but also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the Wrong received; and also forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM,

XLIV. A-
gainst em-
ploying a
Foreigner,
or working
or using a
Foreigner's
Lighter, &c.

ITEM, If any Lighterman or Waterman shall at any Time or Times hereafter set at work to Row upon the said River, any Person not Free of the said Company, or shall Load in or Navigate on the River of *Thames*, any Lighter, Flat-Boat or other Craft, own'd by or belonging to any unregistr'd Person (Wharfingers or Woodmongers, of *London*, for their own proper use excepted) every such Person shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per Diem*.

XLV. Not
to cull Coals.

ITEM, If any Person or Persons, their Servants or Apprentices, shall, while Loading Coals from on Board any Ship or Vessel, where other Persons have a Share in their said Loading with them, into any of their Lighters, or other Craft, pick or cull any of the Coals in the said Ship, (that is to say) of the largest, fairest and roundest of the said Coals to put into the said Lighters, or other their said Craft, amongst the rest of their said Loading; Every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every Chaldron of Coals, amongst which such pick'd Coals shall be mix'd, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

ITEM,

ITEM, That no Lighterman shall join XLVI. No
 in Partnership as a Lighterman, to trade *Lighterman*
 or deal in Coals, or in the owning and *to take a per-*
 occupying of any Lighter, or other Craft, *son unregi-*
 for the carrying of any Goods or Mer- *ster'd to be*
 chandizes whatsoever with any Person *Partner.*
 not register'd, as aforesaid, as a Lighter-
 man, on pain to forfeit and pay for every
 Lighter, or other Craft, being so work'd,
 to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten
 Shillings a Day for each Day the same
 shall be work'd; and for every Chaldron
 of Coals dispos'd of and sold in such
 Partnership, to forfeit and pay to the Use
 aforesaid the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

ITEM, If any Lighterman, having XLVII.
 any Lighter or Lighters, or other Craft, *The Lighter*
 and lying on Board (in their Turn) of *in turn, may*
 any Ship or Vessel, the Person working *exchange.*
 the said Lighter, or other Craft, may,
 when he is next in Turn, either dispose
 of his said Turn, or exchange Turn with
 another Person having any Lighter or
 other Craft on Board the said Ship or
 Vessel (Provided the Person with whom
 the Exchange was made, as aforesaid,
 shall load no more than the Person was
 to have loaded who made the Exchange;)
 And whosoever of a Lighterman shall
 obstruct or hinder the said Disposal or
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Exchange of the said Turn, after the said Parties have agreed the same, shall forfeit and pay to the Party offended the Sum of Ten Shillings; and also to the Use of the Poor, as aforesaid, Ten Shillings.

XLVIII. *None to loosen a Lighter from his proper Fast.* **I T E M,** If any Lighterman or Waterman, or his or their Apprentice, shall wilfully let loose or cast off the Fast of any Lighter or other like Craft, where the Owner had a Right to fasten the said Craft, so as the said Lighter or other Craft drives from the Place the Owner had bestowed her; each Person so offending shall not only pay such Damages as the said Owner shall sustain thereby, but also forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor, as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings; and that if any Lighterman, or his Apprentice, shall take to their own Use any Person's Skiff, Boat, or Sculls, Headfast or Lighters, or other Craft, or their Oars, or other like Instruments or Conveniencies, without leave first had and obtained of the proper Owner thereof, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and also make full Satisfaction to the Person wronged, according to the wrong done; and in case of Con-

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troverſy touching the ſame, the Rulers for the Time being, or the major part of them, ſhall hear and endeavour to determine the ſame.

ITEM, That all Differences touching Damages ſuſtained in *Bridewell-Dock* by Lightermen, or their Servants or Apprentices, either by ſtopping the Paſſage in the ſaid Dock, or by damnifying each others Craft, ſhall be heard by the Rulers for the Time being, or the major part of them, who ſhall endeavour to determine the ſame; and in caſe either Party ſhall reſuſe to appear to a Summons for hearing the ſame, the Party ſo reſuſing to appear, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe aforeſaid the Sum of Twenty Shillings over, and beſides his being liable to be puniſhed for the ſame by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, for the Time being, as Conſervator of the River of *Thames*.

ITEM, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall give Information to the Rulers of the ſaid Company of any unregiſter'd Perſon keeping or working any Lighter or Lighters, or Flat-Boat or Boats, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Caſe made and provided, and making due Proof thereof before
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 ing, &c.

them, shall, for every such Information, receive of the Rulers, for the Time being, out of the Company's Stock, the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

LI. Comp-
trollers
when chosen,
and their
Duty.

ITEM, To the End all Rulers, Auditors, Assistants, Clerk, and other Officers, may be punished according to Law; and the Constitutions of this Company, whenever any or either of them shall embezzel the Stock of this Company, or in any respect act contrary to their respective Duties: It is hereby agreed and ordered, That every First Day of *May* (unless on a *Sunday*, and then on the *Monday* next following) Five Persons not being Rulers or Auditors, shall be Annually chosen to be Comptrollers for the Year then ensuing, who are hereby ordered and required from Time to Time, within one Month after every Audit of any Accounts of the said Rulers or others, to peruse, examine, and see, that the same be just and true; and to use their utmost Endeavours to discover and prosecute, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if a proper Relief can be there had, or otherwise to proceed as by Law they shall be advised, against any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, who shall be discovered to embezzel any

any of the Stock of this Company, or otherwise act contrary to his Duty; and such Comptrollers are hereby ordered and required from Time to Time in writing, signed by the major part of the said Comptrollers, to make Report to the General Court of this Company what Offences they have discovered of any Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, and what Prosecutions or Proceedings have been made against such Offenders, and the Charge of such Prosecutions to be defrayed by the Common Stock of this Company, and such Comptrollers to be subject to and under the Directions of the General Court of this Company for the Time being; and if any Comptroller so chosen, shall refuse to serve in such his Place and Office, he shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds. And it is hereby further agreed and order'd, That no Auditor or Comptroller shall serve above Two Years successively; And all Rulers, Auditors, Assistants, Clerk, and other Officer, and all Members of this Society, are hereby ordered from Time to Time to give due and timely Notice to such Comptrollers of all Embezzlements, or other Offences, committed by any other Ruler,

Auditor, Assistant, Clerk, or other Officer, which shall come to their Knowledge; and whatsoever Comptroller shall neglect the Discharge of his Duty, according to the Trust hereby reposed in him; or whatsoever other Member shall wittingly and willingly conceal, and not discover such Offenders, as aforesaid, for every such Offence he shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings.

LII. Splitting of Lighters or Boats.

I T E M, If any Waterman or Lighterman shall at any time hereafter happen to have his Boat, Lighter, or other Craft, split, staved, or any ways damnified by the Means of any Waterman or Lighterman, their Journeymen or Apprentices, the Person so damnified shall Summon the Offenders before the then Rulers of this Company; and if the Person so summoned shall refuse to appear, he shall forfeit and pay, for every such Refusal and Neglect, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings: But if such Person shall appear, then the Rulers, for the Time being, or the major part of them, shall hear and endeavour to determine the same.

I T E M,

ITEM, That all Watermen and Lightermen, who are Owners of any Boat or Boats, Lighter or Lighters, or any Craft, to be employed in carrying or transporting of Goods or Passengers on the River of *Thames*, and by the late Act of Parliament are subject to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen, shall Mark and Number, or cause to be marked and numbred all and every their said Boats, with plain Figures on the Linings on each Side, just abaft the Wherrit-Stoppers of every Boat and Wherry, and on Lighters and Lighter-built Vessels, with plain Figures on the Bows, and on Barges on the Hudds Boards, to be always in the Day-time plainly seen by all Persons passing on the said River, that the same may be known; and that a Register of the Number thereof, and the Owners Names and Places of Abode be made and kept by the Clerk of the said Company, for the Time being, for any Person injured to view, search and discover Offenders. And further, That if any Watermen or Lightermen, who are, or hereafter shall be, Owner or Owners of any such Lighter, Craft or Boat not so marked and numbred as aforesaid, shall not within Four-

LIII. Lighters and Boats to be number'd and register'd.

teen Days, next after Notice given him of such Default ; or if he cannot be found, then by a Summons, to be set up at the most noted Plying-places between *Gravefend* and *Windsor*, next to the usual Dwelling of such Waterman or Lighterman, requiring him to Mark and Number his Boat or Lighter, or other such Craft ; every such Owner refusing or neglecting so to do, for every Week after such Neglect, until they respectively shall so Mark, Number and Register the same, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings.

LIV. Every Waterman made Free to pay 6 s. Every Person (except a Waterman) register'd to pay the same.

All to pay Quarteridge, the Money to be dispos'd of by the General Court.

ITEM, That from henceforth every Person as well Watermen as Lightermen, when they take up their respective Freedoms of the Company, or any not being Watermen, be Registred as Lightermen, shall pay for and towards the Building of a New Hall within the City of *London*, or Liberties thereof : If the Court of Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, shall order such Building, or for such other the publick Use or Uses of the said Company, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, or the major part of them, for the Time being, shall direct and appoint the Sum of Six Shillings: And that all and every Person

son and Persons already Free, or hereafter to be made Free of the said Company, shall pay every Quarter (that is to say) at *Lady-day, Midsummer, Michaelmas,* and *Christmas*, to the Use of the said Company, the Sum of Six-pence; and for Non-payment of the said Quarteridge, upon Demand, shall forfeit and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Five Shillings; which said Money, and all other Money which shall be from time to time collected for the Registering of Lightermen, and all other the Publick Money or Stock of the said Company, shall be put, kept, and safely lock'd up, in a strong Chest, with three Locks, to be provided and appointed for that purpose, by the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, for the Time being; and the Keys of such Chest to be from Time to Time kept by such Three of the Rulers for the Time being, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants, from time to time shall order and appoint; and each and every of those Rulers so keeping the Keys, shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay the said Cash in such Chest, and deliver the Keys thereof to such other Rulers, as the said Rulers, Auditors, and

Assistants shall direct; and the Three Rulers so from Time to Time to be appointed to receive those Keys, shall give the Rulers from whom they shall receive such Cash and Keys, their Receipt for so much as they shall so receive for the Use of the said Company; which Receipts shall be from time to time a sufficient Discharge to those Rulers for the Money in such Receipts from time to time mentioned and express'd; And all Money so kept in such Chest, shall be from time to time paid or laid out, as the Rulers, Auditors, and Assistants in a General Court shall direct and appoint, and not otherwise.

LV. *The Poor to be paid Quarterly.*

ITEM, That the Rulers, for the time being, shall on the Four usual Quarter-Days, That is to say, on the First Day of *February*, on the First Day of *May*, on the First Day of *August*, and on the First Day of *November* in every Year, unless such Days shall fall on a *Sunday*; and then on the next Day following, pay unto such poor Watermen and Lightermen, and their Widows, so much Money as shall from time to time be settled to and for each of them in the Poor's List, by Order of the Court of Rulers, Auditors, and

and Assistants; and that the Clerk of the said Company, for the time being, shall keep a distinct Account of all Monies received for and paid to the Poor of the said Company in a Book by itself, on pain to forfeit and pay to the Use of the said Poor Ten Shillings for every Week he shall omit the doing thereof.

ITEM, That the eleven Persons Annually nominated and chosen, and every other Person to be nominated and chosen to be Rulers of the said Company, by the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, shall then and there respectively take the Oath usually taken by the Rulers of the said Company, for the due Execution of the said Office: And together with Sureties to be approved by the said Court, severally enter into Bond to the Chamberlain of the said City, for the time being, in Two hundred Pounds, or such greater Penalty, to be from time to time (as the Case may require) directed by the said Court, with such Condition thereto (*mutatis mutandis*) as if before appointed to be entered into by the Clerk of this Company, in Trust for the said Company, and to be put in Suit upon Appli-

LVI. *The Rulers to take an Oath, and Enter into Bond.*

Application made to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, by the General Court of this Company, and given the Chamberlain, for the time being, Security to save him harmless from all Costs of Suit, which may be given against him upon such Prosecutions, or otherwise by Direction of the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen as occasion may require; and in case any of them shall then and there refuse to take the said Oath, and enter into such Bond, such Refusal thereof shall be taken to be a Refusal of the said Office; and they so refusing, shall respectively forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid the Sum of Five Pounds, and also be incapable of being chosen Ruler or Rulers of the said Company at any time within Seven Years next after such Refusal.

LVII. *The Ruler, &c. to take more than the settled Fees.*

Clerk or other Officer, for that Offence, to be dismiss'd.

ITEM, That no Ruler of the said Company shall demand, receive or take any other or greater Fee or Fees to the Use of the said Company, for Business done in the Courts held by the Rulers for Binding of Apprentices, or for making Free those whose Terms are expired, or for the dispatching of any Business proper to be dispatched by the said Court

Court of Rulers; nor any Clerk, Beadle, or Beadles, to the Use of him or themselves, by vertue or colour of such his or their Office or Offices more, or any other then are or is mentioned, appointed or exprefs'd in a Table of Fees for that purpose here under-written, intituled, *A Table of Fees to be taken by the Rulers, Clerks and Officers of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen* (Sallaries of such Clerk and Beadles only excepted;) and that every Person offending therein, shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, treble as much as he or they respectively shall demand, and take above what ought to have been received and taken for the same, according to the Rules appointed by the said Table; and shall also restore to the Person wronged all that was received more than ought to have been paid or received by the said Table of Fees respectively, and that the said Clerk and Officers therein offending shall forfeit their Place and Offices.

ITEM, That no Master of a Row-LVIII. No Barge, or Light Horseman, carrying Goods to be Goods and Passengers between *London plac'd on the* and *Windsor*, shall lay, or place, or suffer to be laid or placed upon the Bails of such Barge or Light Horseman any Goods

Goods or Passengers, upon pain to forfeit and pay for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

The following Orders relate particularly to the Regulation of the Gravesend Tilt-Boats and Wherries.

LIX. Chief
Steersman.
Number of
Passengers
in a Tilt-
Boat, &c.

ITEM, That no Person shall act as Master, or chief Steersman, of any Tilt-Boat, Row-Barge, or Light-Horseman, until approved and licensed so to do by the General Court, under the Penalty of Five Pounds for every such Offence; and if any Master or chief Steersman of any Tilt-Boat shall receive or take in to his or their Boat or Boats above the Number of Thirty-seven Passengers at one time, (and Three more if brought on Board by the Way) Or if any Master of a Wherry plying the said Ferry (or any of the Ferries of *London, Grays, Greenhithe, Purfleet* or *Erithe*) shall take in to their Boat or Wherries above the Number of Seven Passengers at one time, and Two more if call'd in by the Way; every such Master of such Tilt-Boat shall forfeit and pay as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, for every such Offence, for every such Passenger,

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enger, over and above the said Number
the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence;
and every Waterman Rowing in a Wher-
ry, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay, for
every such Passenger, over and above the
said Number as aforesaid, the like Sum
of Two Shillings and Six-pence.

ITEM, Any Waterman plying the LX. *Plying*
Long-Ferry (that is to say) to and from *the Long-*
Gravesend to London, being the Master *Ferry.*
of a Wherry; and having an Apprentice,
shall have free Liberty of Plying and
Assisting of any Waterman working with
his Apprentice, notwithstanding any for-
mer Rules and Orders of this Company
to the contrary; provided such Master
Ply but to one Boat in each particular *Rules to be*
Tide: But if he shall Ply to more than one *observ'd in*
Boat at one Tide, he shall forfeit and pay *Plying it.*
for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the
Use aforesaid, the Sum of Five Shillings:
And if any Waterman Plying the said
Ferry, shall make breach of, or stand be-
fore the publick Plying-place, or shall
lay his Hands on any Coach or Bridle of
any Horse, or of any Fare or Passenger,
or their Goods, without the Consent and
Order of the said Fare or Passenger, such
Person shall forfeit and pay for each and
every of the said Offences, the Sum of
One

One Shilling, and make Satisfaction to the Person wronged (if any be) according to the Wrong receiv'd, over and above the said One Shilling: And if any of the said Plyers, either to a Wherry or Tilt-Boat, having the Promise of a Fare or Passenger, shall notwithstanding be interrupted by any other Waterman, to the disquieting of the said Fare or Passenger, or shall proffer such Fare or Passenger for less than the usual Price from time to time set forth and appointed by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London*, and specify'd in another Table here also under-written, intituled, *A Table of the Rates or Prices appointed by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London*, to be taken by the Watermen Rowing from Place to Place upon the River of *Thames*, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, or shall have any more Plyers than one to each particular Boat (except the Masters of Wherries as before excepted) shall forfeit and pay for each and every of the said Offences, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence, and also make full Satisfaction to the Person wrong'd, according to the Wrong receiv'd; and if any of the Boat-keepers

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which Ply the said Ferry, shall come
 out of their said Boats to Ply any Fare
 or Passenger, he shall forfeit and pay, for
 every such Offence, the Sum of One Shil-
 ling: But if the said Boat-keeper be an
 Apprentice, his Master shall answer the
 said Penalty; And if any of the Plyers
 to any Boat or Wherry shall declare a-
 gainst any other Plyer that he carries not
 the Fare himself, but prefers them to
 another Person, (altho' the same be true)
 yet notwithstanding shall forfeit and pay
 as aforesaid, for every such Offence, the
 Sum of One Shilling. And if any of the
 Watermen shall carry any Fare or Passen-
 ger on any *Saturday* Night, the Tide
 flowing at *London* after Seven a Clock,
 and ebbing at *Gravesend* after the same
 Hour (in respect of the Lord's Day next
 following, except allowed of by some
 Justice of the Peace, under his Hand)
 shall forfeit and pay for every such Of-
 fence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid,
 the Sum of Five Shillings; And if any
 Waterman having a small Boat, and Ply-
 ing among the said Ferry-men, any Fare
 or Passenger; if any of the said Ferry-
 men shall untruly undervalue the said
 Boat, by saying it will drown the Pas-
 senger, if they pass therein, or otherwise
 unjustly

unjustly deprive the said Person of the said Fare or Passengers, shall forfeit and pay, for every such Offence, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings, besides Satisfaction to the Person so wronged, according to the Wrong receiv'd. And if any Plyer, having a small Boat, shall undervalue any of the said Ferrymen, by saying they can Row faster than they, or work more Speed in their Passage, and thereby deprive the said Ferrymen of any Fare or Passenger, by reason of the Greatness of his Boat; every such Offender, for every such Offence, shall forfeit and pay, besides Satisfaction to the Person wronged, the like Sum of Ten Shillings: And if any Waterman, plying the said Ferry, shall, after the obtaining the Promise of carrying any Fare or Passenger, send, or cause to be sent, any of his said Fare or Passengers so plied, to any Place or Stairs, in order to take them into his Boat, elsewhere than at that particular Stairs or Place at which they were first plied (except the same be required by the said Fare or Passenger) shall forfeit and pay for every such Passenger, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Two Shillings: And if any Waterman, plying the said Ferry, shall dispose of any Fare or Passenger

Passenger which he hath agreed with, to carry to any other Waterman for any Gain or Reward whatsoever to himself; every such Offender shall forfeit and pay to the Use aforesaid, for every such Offence, One Shilling and Six-pence.

ITEM, If any Tilt-Boat-Master, carrying Passengers to and from *London* and *Gravesend*, shall at any Time or Times hereafter turn to Windward in any of the said Boats, wherein are any of her Majesty's Subjects, except one Trip in each particular Reach where Necessity requires, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings: Or if any Master of a Wherry, working the said Ferry, and therein offending (except as before excepted) shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence.

ITEM, It is further order'd and agreed, That if any Two or more of the Rulers, for the Time being, shall by a Summons in Writing under their Hands, and the Seal of the said Company, Summon any Person, for any Offence against any the Rules and Orders above-mention'd; and shall shew, or cause to be shewn, the same to him or her, or cause

LXI. Tilt-Boat or Wherry turning to Windward.

LXII. Offenders refusing to appear, forfeit 10s. Or appearing, and refusing to pay, forfeits 10s.

the same to be left at the usual Place of his or her Abode ; That then, and in such case, such Offender shall pay the Penalty appointed to be forfeited and paid for such Offence to the Person, by such Summons appointed to demand and receive the same ; or in Default of so doing, shall appear before the Rulers at such time and Place as shall be mentioned in the said Summons, to shew Cause why he or she did not, or ought not to pay such Penalty : And if such Offender shall neglect so to do, or appearing shall refuse to pay the Penalty by him or her incurr'd ; That then, and in every such Case, the Person so refusing shall further forfeit and pay for such his or her Non-appearance or Non-payment, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

I have seen and perus'd these By-Laws, and do approve, allow and confirm the same, Dated the 16th Day of April, Anno Dom. 1708. And in the 7th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

J. HOLT.

A Table

*A Table of Fees to be taken
by the Rulers, Clerk and Of-
ficers of the Company of Wa-
termen and Lightermen.*

Court Fees. l. s. d.

FOR Quarteridge yearly -- 00 02 00

For Binding a Servant }
besides paying the Queens } 00 02 06
Tax for Stamps. ——— }

For Assigning over an Ap- }
prentice to some other } 00 02 06
Master or Mistress ——— }

For a Fine from every Per- }
son to be made Free — } 00 03 04

For Building and Repairing }
a New Hall within the }
City of *London*, or for } 00 06 00
other publick Uses of the }
said Company, every Per- }
son to be made Free to }
pay ——— ——— — }

For the Poor, every one }
doing Business, their free }
Offering ——— ——— }

E 2

Clerk's

Clerk's Fees.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
F OR a Deputation to a Master of a Row-Barge, Light Horseman or Tilt- Boat — — — — —	00	10	00
For a Sealed Copy of a Free- dom or Register — — — — —	00	02	06
For Binding or Turning over an Apprentice — — — — —	00	01	00
For Crossing-out an Appren- tice, Searching the Regi- ster, Copy of an Order of Court, or any License or Certificate — — — — —	00	00	06
For a Copy of a Register, an Indenture being lost—	00	01	00

Officers

Officers Fees.

l. s. d.

FOR Binding or Turn- ing-over an Appren- tice, each Officer ———	}	00	00	06
For a Freedom of a Register- Seal, <i>ditto</i> ——— ———	}	00	00	06
For a Deputation to a Ma- ster of a Row-Barge, Light Horseman or Tilt- Boat, each ——— ———	}	00	01	00
For Summoning an Offend- er to Court ——— ———	}	00	00	02
For the Batchelor's Bowl, according to an antient Custom ——— ——— ———	}	00	01	00

E 3

A Ta-

*A Table of the Rates or
Prices appointed by the Lord
Mayor and Court of Aldermen
of the City of London, to be
taken by the Watermen Row-
ing from Place to Place upon
the River of Thames, between
Gravesend and Windsor.*

FROM *London to Gravesend*, one whole Fare in Oars, 4 s. 6 d. with Company 9 d.

From *London to Graise*, one whole Fare in Oars 4 s. with Company 8 d.

From *London to Greenhive*, one whole Fare in Oars 4 s. with Company 8 d.

From *London to Purfleet*, or *Erith*, a whole Fare in Oars 3 s. with Company 6 d.

From *London to Woolwich*, one whole Fare in Oars 2 s. 6 d. with Company 4 d.

From *London to Blackwall*, one whole Fare in Oars 2 s. with Company 4 d.

From

- From *London* to *Greenwich*, one whole Fare in Oars 1 s. 6 d. with Company 3 d.
- From *London* to *Deptford*, one whole Fare in Oars 1 s. 6 d. with Company 3 d.
- From *London* to *Limehouse*, one whole Fare in Oars 1 s. A Sculler's Fare 6 d.
- From *London* to *New-Crane*, *Shadwell-Dock*, *Bell-Wharf*, *Ratcliff-Cross*, one Oar's Fare 1 s. A Sculler 6 d.
- From *London* to *Wapping-Dock*, *Wapping New*, and *Wapping Old-Stairs*; one Oar's Fare 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.
- From *London* to the *Hermitage*, in Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.
- From *London* to *Rotherbith-Church-Stairs* and *Rotherbith-Stairs*, in Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.
- From *St. Olave's* to *Rotherbith-Church-Stairs* and *Rotherbith-Stairs*, in Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.
- From *Billingsgate*, *London*, and *St. Olave's*, to *St. Saviour's Mill*, in Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.
- Over the Water, directly between *London-Bridge* and *Limehouse*, for the next Sculler 2 d.

All the Stairs between *London-Bridge* and *Westminster*, in Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From *London-Bridge*, on either Side above the said Bridge, to *Lambeth* and *Vaux-Hall*, Oars 1 s. A Sculler 6 d.

From *Whitehall* to *Lambeth* and *Vaux-Hall*, Oars 6 d. A Sculler 3 d.

From *Temple-Stairs*, *Dorset-Stairs*, *Black-Fryers*, *Paul's Wharf* to *Lambeth*, in Oars 8 d. A Sculler 4 d.

Over the Water directly, in the next Boat, between *London-Bridge* and *Vaux-Hall*, in a Sculler 2 d.

From *London* to *Chelsea*, *Battersea*, and *Wandsworth*; one whole Fare in Oars 1 s. 6 d. with Company 3 d.

From *London* to *Putney*, *Fulham*, *Barn-Elms*; one whole Fare in Oars 2 s. with Company 4 d.

From *London* to *Hammersmith*, *Chiswick* and *Mortclack*; one whole Fare in Oars 2 s. 6 d. with Company 6 d.

From *London* to *Brentford*, *Isleworth*, *Richmond*; one whole Fare in Oars 3 s. 6 d. with Company 6 d.

From *London* to *Twickenham*; one whole Fare in Oars 4 s. with Company 6 d.

From

- From *London* to *Kingstone*; one whole Fare in Oars 5 s. with Company 9 d.
- From *London* to *Hampton-Court*; one whole Fare in Oars 6 s. with Company 1 s.
- From *London* to *Hampton-Town*, *Sunbury*, and *Walton upon Thames*; one whole Fare in Oars 7 s. with Company 1 s.
- From *London* to *Weybridge* and *Chertsey*; one whole Fare in Oars 10 s. with Company 1 s.
- From *London* to *Stanes*; one whole Fare in Oars 12 s. with Company 1 s.
- From *London* to *Windsor*; one whole Fare in Oars 14 s. with Company 2 s.
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RATES

RATES for Carrying of Goods
in the Tilt-Boat between
Gravesend and London.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
F OR a half Firkin ———	00	00	01
For a whole Firkin ———	00	00	02
For a Hogshead ———	00	02	00
For a Hundred Weight of Cheese, Iron, or any other such heavy Goods ———	00	00	04
For a Sack of Salt or Corn —	00	00	06
For an ordinary Chest or Trunk ——— ——— ———	00	00	06
For the whole Tilt-Boat, when one or more Per- sons have occasion to hire it to themselves ——— —	01	02	06
For every single Person in the ordinary Passage ———	00	00	06

Examined per
J. GIBSON.

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All

*All the Pecuniary Penalties
impos'd by Statute-Law, or
the before mention'd By-Laws,
&c. perus'd by the late Lord
Chief Justice Holt.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
BY the 2d and 3d of <i>Philip</i> and <i>Mary</i> , chap. 16. sect. 11. That Waterman who takes more than the settled Fares, is imprison'd for Six Months, and forfeits ————	02	00	00
by the 1st of <i>James</i> the 1st, chap. 16. sect. 3. If the Rulers do not twice in every Year read all the By-Laws, (<i>viz.</i>) On the 1st of <i>March</i> , and 1st of <i>September</i> , they severally forfeit ————	06	13	04
if a Ruler, Auditor, or Assistant, shall refuse to hold, or be negligent in his Office, by the 11th and 12th of <i>W.</i> the 3d, ch. 21. sect. 4. he forfeits ————	05	00	00

By

l. s.

By the 6th Section of that
 Act, none but registered
 Lightermen to work as
 Lightermen, upon the
 Weekly forfeiture of—

05 00

Every *Sunday* Ferryman, who
 doth not the next *Monday*
 pay to the Rulers, or their
 Order, what he earn'd the
 Day before, doth, by the
 last recited Act, for every
 Neglect, forfeit —

02 00

In what By-Law.

- 1 **F**OR not Summoning
 a Quarterly Court—
- 2 For leaving the Chair
 without Consent of the
 General Court —
- 2 For Misbehaviour in the
 General Court —
- 3 For the Clerk's not entring
 Minutes of all Courts, or
 not Drawing up Orders
 thereupon within 4 Days,
 or not fairly entring them
 within 6 Days after that--

05 00 00

05 00 00

00 05 00

02 00 00

If it appears by Casting *l. s. d.*
 up the Cash receiv'd at
 any Court of Rulers, that
 the Cash is more than the
 Rulers or Clerk's Entry ;
 that Receiver, at the then
 next Court of Rulers, shall
 make good the same, or
 forfeit double that Defici-
 ency ; but if such Cash be
 more than the Receiver's
 or Clerk's Entry, then the
 Overplus shall be entered
 by the Receiver and Clerk,
 on forfeiture of — — —

01 00 00

Each Ruler present at eve-
 ry Court of Rulers, to sign
 the Day-Book ; or each
 Neglecting, to forfeit —

01 00 00

A Ruler's Misbehaviour
 in a Court of Rulers, for-
 feits — — —

00 05 00

If the Beadle, who keeps
 the Hall - Door at any
 Court of Rulers, shall let
 in any Person (Rulers or
 Clerk excepted) without
 the Chairman's Order, he
 forfeits — — —

00 02 06

- 4 The *Sunday* Ferry-money
to be kept separate from
the other Cash; and that
Ruler who mixes them,
so that it can't be known
how much is *Sunday* Fer-
ry-money, and what the
other Cash doth amount
unto, forfeits ——— } 05 00 00
- 4 One of the Beadles at eve-
ry Court of Rulers shall
Enter each Person down
in that Order in which he
came, and give such List
to the Chairman, or for-
feit ——— } 00 02 00
- 5 To take Money to give
his own, or sollicit ano-
ther's Vote ——— } 10 00 00
- 7 Not appearing at a Gene-
ral Court, or departing
without leave ——— } 00 05 00
- 8 The Clerk within 10 Days
to make fair Entries of all
Bindings and Freedoms,
or forfeits ——— } 05 00 00

l. s. d.

No Master or Mistrefs to suffer his or her Appren- tice to take charge of a Boat before two Years bound, on forfeiture for every Offence of — — —	} 00 10 00
1 The major part of the Rulers present, and the Clerk, to subscribe all Freedoms; or either neg- lecting, to forfeit — — —	} 05 00 00
1 Refusing to make Free those who have a Right, forfeits — — —	} 10 00 00
2 A Ruler refusing to Turn one over whose Master is dead, forfeits — — —	} 05 00 00
5 No Boy to be kept above 40 Days upon Tryal, on forfeiture of 20s. <i>per</i> Week above that time — — —	} 01 00 00
6 To work on the Lord's- Day, unless appointed, or by some Justice permitted, forfeits — — —	} 00 05 00

16 To

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
16 To revile Ruler, Audi- tor or Assistant, forfeits—	00	10	00	24
16 One private Waterman, &c. to revile another, or Passenger, forfeits ———	00	02	00	25
16 For Swearing or Cur- sing, to pay ———	00	02	00	27
17 Ruler, Auditor, Assistant, Clerk or Beadle, keeping a Victualling-house, to forfeit <i>per</i> Week ———	00	10	00	28
21 The Rulers not appoint- ing the short Plying-places annually, each to pay —	01	00	00	29
21 For not appointing the long Plying-places every two Years each, forfeits—	02	00	00	29
22 For Towing a Boat when carrying a Passenger, for- feits. ———	00	02	06	30
24 For not appearing upon Summons, the first Neg- lect, forfeits ———	00	01	00	31
24 For the second Default, forfeits ———	00	02	06	32

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
24	For each subsequent Default, forfeits. — — — — —	00	05	00
25	None by his Boat to hinder Passage, on forfeiture of — — — — —	00	00	06
27	None rowing along the Shore to ply another's Fare, on forfeiture of — — — — —	00	01	00
28	For not observing the Plying-Orders, to pay — — — — —	00	01	00
29	For not giving Notice when Plying with the Tide — — — — —	00	01	00
29	To hinder the Landing of Nobilities Barges, &c. forfeits — — — — —	00	02	06
30	To ply when his Boat is not at the Stairs, forfeits — — — — —	00	05	00
31	Those plying Westward not to carry above ten Passengers, on forfeiture of — — — — —	00	02	06
32	None plying the Long-Ferry shall ply one about to take Water with another, except, &c. on forfeiture of — — — — —	00	01	00

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
33	All plying to keep Way, on forfeiture of — — —	00	00	06
34	Rulers, Assistants, or o- ther Officer, receiving a Complaint, &c. to give Notice to the next Court of Rulers, or within Ten Days, on forfeiture of —	00	10	00
35	To hinder Lighters from their proper Turns, pays the Party wrong'd — — —	02	00	00
35	To the Poor for the same Offence — — — — —	00	05	00
36	Lighters turn'd a-drift shall (returning) have their Turns, or such as hinder shall pay the Party wrong'd — — — — —	01	00	00
36	And to the Poor for the same Offence — — —	00	05	00
37	All Lighters to keep Way, on forfeiture of —	00	05	00
38	To carry above one Lighter at a time Thro'- Bridge, (except, &c.) for- feits — — — — —	00	05	00

38 If

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
38 If a Lighter stop in the Bridge for want of Skill, to forfeit ————	00	05	00
39 Upon the Stoppage of such Lighter to give pro- per Notice, or to forfeit--	00	10	00
40 If a Lighter stop on the Hill, &c. to forfeit ———	00	05	00
41 To buy Coals of one fort, and vouch them for another, forfeits ———	02	00	00
42 To sell short of Water- measure, &c. forfeits for every Vatt short of that Measure — — — — —	02	00	00
42 And make Satisfaction to the Party thereby wrong'd, or forfeits ———	10	00	00
43 To use another Man's Lighter without leave, forfeits — — — — —	00	05	00
44 To imploy Waterman or Lighterman not qualify'd, forfeits <i>per diem</i> — — —	00	10	00
45 To cull Coals, &c. for- feits <i>per</i> Chaldron of the Coals with which mix'd--	00	05	00

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
46 That Lighterman who goes Partner with a Foreigner, forfeits <i>per</i> Lighter and <i>per diem</i> — —	00	10	00
46 And for every Chaldron fold in such Partnership—	01	00	00
47 He that hinders the Exchange of Turns, pays both Party wrong'd and Poor — — — —	00	10	00
48 He that loosens another's Lighter from his proper Fast, forfeits — — —	00	05	00
48 If any Lighterman, or his Apprentice, shall take another's Skiff, &c. without leave, &c. he forfeits —	00	05	00
49 He that is summon'd to answer Damage in <i>Bridewell-Dock</i> , and doth not appear, pays — — —	01	00	00
51 The Comptroller that refuseth to serve, forfeits	05	00	00
51 If he neglects his Duty, he forfeits — — —	02	00	00
51 He who neglects to give the Comptrollers Information, forfeits — — —	02	00	00

52 He

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
52 He that is summon'd in relation to splitting a Lighter, and shall not appear, forfeits — — —	00	05	00
53 He who refuseth to Number his Vessel, forfeits —	00	05	00
54 He that refuseth to pay his Quarteridge, forfeits	00	05	00
55 The Clerk to keep a distinct Account of the Poor's Money, or to forfeit <i>per Week</i> — — —	00	10	00
56 The Ruler who refuseth either Oath or Bond, forfeits — — — —	05	00	00
57 Rulers taking more than the settled Fees, forfeit treble the Overplus; but the Clerk or other Officer therein offending forfeits his Office — — — —			
58 No Goods to be plac'd on the Bails of a Row-Barge, on forfeiture of —	00	10	00

ORDERS *relating to Gravef-*
end Tilt-Boats and Wherries.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
59 NO Master or Chief Steers-man to act till licens'd, on forfeiture of ————	05	00	00
59 No such Master to take at first above 37, and 3 by the Way : And no such Wherry above 7 at first, and 2 by the Way, on for- feiture for every one ex- ceeding ————	00	02	06
60 He that plies to more than one Boat, forfeits —	00	05	00
60 He that stands before the Plying-place, or lays Hands on Coach, or Bri- dle, or Passenger, or their Goods, without Consent, for each Offence forfeits—	00	01	00
60 If any is depriv'd of his Fare by another, the Of- fender forfeits ————	00	02	06

60 No

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
60 No such Boat-keeper to come out and ply, on for- feiture of ————	00	01	00
60 No such Plyer to say a- nother carries not the Fare, on forfeiture of ————	00	01	00
60 If such Waterman shall carry a Fare too late on a <i>Saturday</i> Night, to for- feit ————	00	05	00
60 He that undervalues a- nother's Boat, forfeits —	00	10	00
60 He that sends his Fare to another Place (unless desir'd) forfeits ————	00	02	00
60 He that disposeth of a Fare to another for Gain, forfeits ————	00	01	06
61 No Master of a Tilt-boat having any Passengers, shall turn to Windward above one Trip in a Reach when Necessity so requires, on forfeiture of ————	00	10	00

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
61 And a Master of a Wherry therein offending, to forfeit for each Offence ————	00	02	06
62 If Two or more of the Rulers under their Hands, and the Seal of the Company, Summon an Offender to pay his Fine; if he do not pay, or appear and shew Cause, he forfeits (besides his Fine) ————	00	10	00

An

*An Abstract of the Duty of
a Ruler, as particularly ex-
press'd in the Constitutions,
with proper References, &c.*

EVery Ruler, soon after chosen, is oblig'd to take the Oath, and enter into the Bond in such Cases required ; and refusing of (a) either, is a refusal of (a) Order the Office, and forfeits 5*l.* and made 56. pag. 58. thereby incapable to be a Ruler within seven Years after such refusal.

(b) Every Ruler who refuseth to serve, (b) Order 5. or doth negligently Exercise his Office, p. 5. forfeits 5*l.* And therefore all Rulers are by the expresse Terms of the Statute of William the Third (c) oblig'd to keep (c) Clause 3. good Order and Obedience amongst the p. 3. said Watermen and Lightermen, according to the Constitutions of this Company, whether by Statute-Law or By-Law. For if any of the Rulers shall refuse effectually to prosecute any Offenders against any of the Constitutions (when due Proof shall appear before them) being duly convicted thereof, he shall be dismiss'd Order 20. p. 32.

- dismis'd, and not capable any more of being either Ruler or other Officer of this Company. (d) And in order thereunto, the Rulers (in Conjunction with the Assistants) on their first Court-day, after the First Day of *June*, shall annually appoint what Towns or Plying-places shall choose Assistants, who are not to exceed Sixty, nor be less than Forty.
- (e) Order 19. p. 29. (e) And the Rulers and Assistants shall every First of *July* present to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen Five Watermen and Two Lightermen (f) under- standing Accounts; but if upon Examination the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall find either of them not so qualify'd, and therefore refuse such un- qualify'd Person then (g) within Ten Days after such Refusal, the Rulers and Assistants shall Summon a Court of Rulers and Assistants, and other fit Persons, shall be there chosen, instead of those so refus'd; and within Fourteen Days after such new Choice, shall be presented to the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, to be examin'd at the then next Court of Aldermen, or within one Month next after such new Presentment, &c.
- (f) Order 20. p. 32.
- (g) Order 19. p. 30.

Any

Any Two of the Rulers * impower'd * *Clause 7.*
 to prosecute Offenders before the Lord *p. 5.*
 Mayor, or any of the Court of Aldermen,
 or any Justice of Peace within the Shires
 bordering upon the River of *Thames*, be-
 tween *Gravesend* and *Windsor*, for Of-
 fences committed within their respective
 jurisdictions.

If the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants, *Clause 14.*
 shall Summon any Member, by leaving *p. 9, 10.*
 Notice in writing at the Place of his usual
 Abode (pursuant to the Act of the 4th
 and 5th of Her late Majesty, for the
 Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen,
&c.) to appear before the Rulers. If
 within Ten Days after such Summons,
 the Person so summon'd do not appear,
 being convicted thereof, he shall suffer
 imprisonment for One Month, and be
 disabled from enjoying any Privilege of
 the said Company for Two Years.

The Rulers oblig'd annually to Sum-
 mon four General Courts, (*viz.*) in *May*,
August, *November*, and *February*, and
 oftner if Twenty of the Auditors and *Ord. 1. p. 12.*
 Assistants, under their Hands, desire the
 same; which Summons shall be left un-
 der the Hand of the Clerk, at their re-
 spective Dwellings, three Days before
 such Court is to be held, or each neglect-
 ing to forfeit 5*l.*

At

Order 4. p.
16, 17, 18.

At the Meeting of every Court of Rulers, a Receiver from amongst themselves shall be chosen, who (for that Day) shall keep the Key of the Court-Box, and an Account in writing of what each Person that Day paid; and upon telling over the Cash before the major part of the Rulers then present, and the Clerk; if the Cash shall appear to be less than the Receiver's or Clerk's Entries, that Receiver, at the next Court of Rulers, shall make good such Deficiency, or forfeit double such Deficiency: But if the Cash be more than was entred by such Receiver or Clerk, a particular Entry of that Overplus shall be entred by both the Receiver and Clerk, or each neglecting shall forfeit Twenty Shillings for every Five Shillings not so accounted for; and at the close of every such Court, the Rulers then present shall sign the Day-Book, or each neglecting forfeit Twenty Shillings. Every Ruler behaving himself disorderly in such Court, to forfeit Five Shillings; The Chairman (for the Time being) to call into Court every Person in that order in which he came.—No Ruler to mix the *Sunday* Ferry-money with the other Cash.

If

If any Ruler shall or do directly or *Order 4.*
 indirectly, by himself or other, receive *p. 18, 19.*
 any Fee or Reward, to give his own, or
 solicit any other's Vote in any General
 Court, or Court of Rulers, to forfeit
 10*l.* and be disabled from continuing or
 being any Member of such Courts, or
 any Officer of the Company.

If any Ruler (or other Officer) be *Order 6.*
 convicted before the Court of Lord May- *p. 19.*
 and Aldermen, upon the Charge of any
 three of the Comptrollers, under their
 Hands, of such an Offence as forfeits his
 Office; then that Court shall and may
 dismiss such Offender, and a new to be
 chosen in his Stead.

All Rulers (being duly summon'd) to *Order 7.*
 appear at every General Court, and not *p. 20.*
 to depart without leave, on forfeiture
 (for each Offence) of Five Shillings.

The Rulers to provide proper Quar- *Order 8.*
 teridge-Books for Bindings and Free- *p. 20.*
 loms.

Two of the Rulers (at the least) shall *Order 10.*
 witness every Indenture, and cause the *p. 22.*
 same to be fairly entred in a Book for
 that purpose: And none to be Bound,
 Turn'd-over, or made Free, but before
 the major part of the Rulers.

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Order 11.
p. 23, 24.

The Rulers to make none Free, unless he hath actually serv'd, &c. Seven Years and unless the major part of the Rulers are present, and the major part of the Rulers present, and the Clerk, sign such Freedoms, or each neglecting, to forfeit 5*l*. And those Rulers who shall refuse to make Free, or Register such as have Right thereunto, forfeit Ten Pounds a piece.

Order 14.
p. 26.

Every Ruler, who refuseth to Turn over an Apprentice according to the 12th Order, forfeits Five Pounds. The Rulers, when requested, oblig'd to make those absent Free who have a Right thereunto.

Order 17.
p. 28.

No Victualler capable of being chosen a Ruler; and if a Ruler, after chosen by himself, or any other, keep a Victualling house, he forfeits Ten Shillings per Week.

Order 19.
p. 31.

The Rulers oblig'd upon all Occasions (other than the Binding of Apprentices or making them Free) to advise with the Auditors.

Order 21.
p. 32.

The Rulers in every *June* to appoint the short Plying-places; and every other *July* the long Plying-places; or for the first Omission, each to forfeit Twenty Shillings, and for the Second Forty Shillings.

The Rulers empower'd to allow a Wit- Order 23.
ness what is reasonable, and to oblige a p. 33, 34.
false Informer to make Satisfaction, not
exceeding Twenty Shillings.

The Rulers to serve without Fee or Order 26:
Reward, and to give due Notice of all p. 35.
Complaints or Offences which they knew Order 34:
of, on forfeiture of Five Shillings. p. 39.

Rulers to hear all Complaints in rela- Order 38.
tion to Damages, &c. on *London-Bridge* p. 42.
and *Bridewell-Dock*, &c. and to endea- Order 49.
our to determine the same. p. 49.

The Rulers to give Twenty Shillings Order 50.
to such as shall give them due Informa- p. 49:
tion of any unregistr'd Persons keep-
ing or working any Lighter or Flat-
boats, &c.

All Rulers, other Officers and Mem- Order 51.
bers, oblig'd to give the Comptrollers p. 51, 52.
information of all Offences within their
Cognizance, or each neglecting to for-
feit Forty Shillings.

Such Three of the Rulers to keep the Order 54.
Cash as the General Court shall or- p. 55, 56.
der, &c.

The Rulers Quarterly to pay the Order 55.
Poor, &c. p. 56.

No Ruler to take more than the set- Order 57.
tled Fees, &c. p. 58.

Any

Order 62.
p. 65.

Any Two of the Rulers, under their Hands, and the Seal of the Company, are to Summon Offenders for such Offences upon which they intend to levy Ten Shillings, as well as the Penalty incurr'd.

An Abstract of the Duty of an Auditor, as particularly express'd, &c.

Cl. 5. pag. 4.

AUditor refusing to serve, or neglecting his Duty, forfeit 5 *l*.

Order 19.
p. 31.

And therefore they must Audit the Company's Accounts twice a Year, and oftner if the General Court shall so order, and be assisting to the Rulers with their Advice upon all Occasions requir'd; and if the Auditors can't with the Rulers adjust their Accounts, they shall lay them before the General Court; and if not there adjusted, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, in order to be there determin'd (if they can be) for the Common Good of the Company.

Order 51.
p. 51.

The Auditors must give the Comptrollers Notice of all Embezzelments of the Stock, or other Offences of any Officers, on forfeiture of 40 *s*.

Audi-

Auditors must serve *Gratis*.

An Auditor to be remov'd when convicted, before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, of such an Offence as (by the Constitution) forfeits his Place. *Order 6. p. 19.*

The Comptroller's Duty is fully express'd in the 51st Order, *p. 50.*

An Abstract of the Duty of an Assistant, as particularly express'd.

NO Assistant to be chosen that is a Victualler, nor at any other Stairs but where he doth usually ply. *Order 77. p. 28.*

The Assistants are, by the Statute of *William the Third*, empower'd to advise and assist the Rulers for the Time being, in the Discovery and Regulation of Mis-carriages, &c. and in putting the Laws in due and full Execution, and in preserving good Rules and Government amongst the said Society and Company: And if any refuse to serve, or negligently exercise their Place, to forfeit *5 l.* *Clause 5. p. 4.*

And therefore they must give due Information of all Offenders to the Rulers. *Order 34. p. 39.*

And upon the Rulers neglect to the Comptrollers. *Order 51. p. 51.*

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But

Order 5.
p. 18.

But no Assistant, directly or indirectly, to take any Money to give his own, or to solicit another's Vote, &c.

Ord. 26.
p. 35.

Assistants to serve *Gratis*, &c.

Note, Notwithstanding the Rulers, Auditors, Assistants and Comptrollers, are expressly oblig'd to serve the Company without Fee or Reward; yet if in the necessary Service of the Company they shall expend any Money, or do any other Service than their respective Duties necessarily require; for such Expences or Services, all just Allowances ought to be made them by the Company.

Order 3.
p. 14.

An Abstract of the Clerk's Duty, &c.

THE Clerk every *December* annually to be chosen by the General Court, and oftner if there be occasion.

And within 14 Days after his Election (with two Sureties, to be approv'd by the General Court) shall enter into Bond to the Chamberlain of *London* (in Trust for the Company) in the Penalty of 1000*l.* *Well and truly to observe, perform and keep the several Rules, Orders and Constitutions made, or to be made, for the better Rule and Government of this Company* on

on his Part, to be observ'd; perform'd and kept, and in all other Things well and honestly behave himself, and faithfully discharge his Trust in the Execution of the said Place for so long as he shall continue therein; and shall not embezzel or misemploy any Sum or Sums of Money belonging to the common Stock of the said Company which shall come to his Hands, &c. or his Election to be void. So that the Clerk, by those General Terms, is as much oblig'd to perform all Parts of the Constitution relating to the Clerk, as if all the particular Duties enjoyn'd him by the Constitution, were particularly mention'd in the Condition of such Bond. An Abstract of the several Parts of whose Duty, as express'd in the Constitution, and in the same Order in which they stand in the By-Laws, is as followeth, (*viz.*)

Order 1.

p. 13, 14,

15, 16.

A Quarterly General Court (or oftner if 20 of the Auditors and Assistants desire it) is to be summon'd by Summons under the Hand of the Clerk.

The Clerk to keep a Minute-Book to enter all Orders of the General Court, or Court of Rulers, or other publick Meetings, and draw up Orders thereupon within four Days after, and present the same to the next Court to be consider'd,

Order 1.
p. 16, 17.

alter'd or approv'd ; and within six Days after such Approbation, fairly enter such Orders in the proper Book for that purpose.

Order 6.
p. 19.

The Clerk to keep an exact Account of what all Members pay at every Court of Rulers, and to be present at the telling over the Cash after every such Court: And if the Cash be more than that Day's Receivers, or Clerk's Entry, the Clerk to make a particular Entry of such Overplus.

Order 8.
p. 20.

The Clerk may be dismiss'd by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if Three of the Comptrollers prove him guilty of such an Offence, for which his Place ought to be forfeited.

Order 10.
p. 22.

Within 10 Days after every Binding or making Free, the Clerk (from the Day-Book) to make a very particular Entry thereof.

Order 11.
p. 23, 24.

The Clerk to attest every Indenture, and shall then make a fair Entry thereof.

The Clerk to be present when any are made Free, and sign the Freedom, and if the Clerk neglect his Duty in relation to the making Free, or Registering such as have a Right, for every such Offence he forfeits 10*l*.

Stock,

No Victualler capable of being chosen Order 17.
Clerk, and none after chosen to keep a p. 28.
Victualling-house, or Publick-house for
Sale of Liquors.

If the Clerk receives any Complaint, Order 24.
or knows of any Offence, he shall give p. 28.
Notice thereof to the next Court of
Rulers, or within 10 Days.

The Clerk oblig'd to give the Com- Order 51.
ptrollers timely Notice of all Rulers, p. 51, 52.
and other Officers offending.

The Clerk to keep a distinct Account Order 55.
in a Book by itself of all Money receiv'd p. 56, 57.
for, or paid to the Poor.

If the Clerk take more than he ought Order 57,
as his Fees, then to be dismiss'd. p. 59.

*Note, The Clerk being oblig'd well
and honestly to behave himself, and faith-
fully to discharge his Trust in the execu-
tion of his Place for so long as he continues
therein. He is therefore oblig'd to per-
form (not only the particular Duties
herein expressly enjoin'd, but also) what-
soever is proper for him to do as Clerk,
for the common Good of the Com-
pany; and all reasonable Expences (up-
on the Company's Account) ought to
be allow'd him.*

*An Abstract of the Duty of a
Beadle, as particularly ex-
press'd, &c.*

Order 3. **T**HE Beadles to be annually chosen
p. 14. every *December*, and oftner if
there be occasion.

One of the Beadles to enter every Per-
son down in that order in which he came
to the Court of Rulers, and give that List
to the Chairman; and the Beadle who
(for the time being) keeps the Hall-Door,
not to let in any Person (Rulers or Clerk
excepted) without Order from the Chair-
man, who is oblig'd to call them in that
order in which they came.

Order 6. A Beadle, upon the forfeiture of his
p. 19. Place, may be dismiss'd by the Court of
Lord Mayor and Aldermen, if any Three
of the Comptrollers shall charge him with
such forfeiture.

Order 17. No Victualler capable of being chosen
p. 28. Beadle, or any Beadle, when chosen, to
keep a Victualling-house, or Publick-
house for strong Liquors.

Every

Every Beadle receiving any Com-^{Order 34.}
plaint, or knowing of any Offence, to ^{p. 39.}
give due Notice to the Court of Rulers; ^{Order 51.}
and, upon their Neglect of Duty, to ^{p. 51.}
the Comptrollers.

If a Beadle takes more for his Fees ^{Order 57.}
than is settled, he forfeits his Place. ^{p. 59.}

But besides the above Particulars, the
Beadles are oblig'd to obey all reasonable
Orders from any Members of the General
Court, or the Clerk, for the putting
the before-mention'd By-Laws in due
Execution, or any other Matter for the
common Good of this Company; and
all reasonable Allowances ought to be
made them for their extraordinary Dis-
bursements or Services in relation there-
unto.



RULES, ORDERS, and CONSTITUTIONS

Made by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the Watermen and Lightermen of the River of Thames, between Gravesend and Windsor, for the better Rule and Government of the said Society or Company, examin'd, alter'd and approv'd by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, and by their Order, humbly presented to the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Kt. late Lord Chief Justice of Her late Majesty Queen Anne's Court of Queen's-Bench was by his Lordship confirmed pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that Case made and provided.

I. Apprentices not to be employed in any other Business than as Watermen or Lightermen.

Imprimis.

IT is ordered, That no Waterman or Lighterman, being a Member of this Company, shall either before, or after Binding any Apprentice, either directly or indirectly, Covenant,

Covenant, Contract, or Agree to, or with such his Apprentice, or any other Person on his behalf, for any Sum of Money, or other Consideration whatsoever, to be paid, or given him for such Apprentice to be brought up, or to be employed in any other Business than as a Waterman or Lighterman, or shall permit and suffer any Apprentice to Work at any other Business or Calling whatsoever, to make Advantage of his own Labour for his own Benefit or Advantage, or to receive the Profits thereof to his own Use, except at such Times as the River shall be Frozen, or not Navigable, upon pain, that every such Waterman or Lighterman so offending, shall forfeit, and pay to the Use of the Poor of the said Company, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per diem* for every Day such Apprentice shall so Work.

ITEM, Whereas it was formerly ordained, That if any Lighterman or Waterman should at any Time or Times thereafter, set at Work to Row upon the said River, any Person not Free of the said Company, or shall Load in, or Navigate on the River of *Thames*, any Lighter, Flat-Boat or other Craft, owned

II. Against employing any not Free, or Navigating Craft belonging to Unregister'd Persons.

ed by, or belonging to any unregistered Person (Wharfingers or Woodmongers of *London*, for their own proper Use excepted) every such Person should forfeit and pay for every such Offence to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings *per diem*. It is hereby ordained and ordered, That the said By-Law or Ordinance be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void; and it is now further ordained and ordered, That if any Waterman, or Lighterman shall at any Time, or Times hereafter set at Work to Row on the said River, any Person not Free of the said Company (Apprentices regularly Bound, only excepted) or shall Load in, or Navigate on the River of *Thames* any Lighter, Flat-Boat, or other Craft, owned by, or belonging to any Unregistered Person, (Wharfingers or Woodmongers of *London* for their own proper Use excepted) every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence to the Use aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings *per diem*.

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ITEM, Whereas it was formerly or-
 dained, That if any Person or Persons
 should give Information to the Rulers of
 the said Company, of any Unregistered
 Person keeping or working any Lighter
 or Lighters, Flat-Boat or Boats, contra-
 ry to the true Intent and Meaning of
 the Act of Parliament in that Case made
 and provided, and making due Proof
 thereof before them, should for every
 such Information, receive of the Rulers
 for the Time being out of the Compa-
 ny's Stock, the Sum of Twenty Shil-
 lings. It is hereby ordained and ordered,
 That the said By-Law or Ordinance be
 repealed, and the same is hereby repea-
 led and made void: And it is now fur-
 ther ordained and ordered, That if any
 Person, or Persons shall give Information
 to the Rulers of the said Company, of
 any Unregistered Person keeping, or
 working any Lighter or Lighters, Flat-
 Boat, or Boats, contrary to the true In-
 tent and Meaning of the Act of Parlia-
 ment in that Case made and provided,
 and making due Proof thereof before
 them, he, or they shall for every such
 Information, receive of the Rulers for
 the Time being, out of the Company's
 Stock,

III. Give

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tion against

Unregister'd

Persons

working:

Stock, the Sum of Ten Shillings and no
more.

IV. The **ITEM,** That at every Court of Ru-
Comptrollers lers, the Comptrollers of the said Com-
to be Sum- pany, shall be duly Summoned by the
moned to Clerk of the said Company, by leaving
every Court a Summons in Writing at their respective
of Rulers. Dwelling or usual Places of Abode,
three Days before such Court of Rulers
is to be kept, at which Court, the said
Comptrollers shall, and may have Power
to sit, in order to inspect what Money
is then and there received, and the
Clerk neglecting his Duty therein, shall
for every such Neglect or Omission for-
feit and pay to the Use of the Poor of
the said Company the Sum of Ten
Shillings.

V. Boats **ITEM,** Whereas the Navigation be-
between tween *London Bridge* and *Woolwich*
London is dangerous to Boats deeply loaden,
Bridge and by Reason of the great Numbers of
Woolwich Ships, and of the Cables, Hawfers
not to take and Anchors belonging to the same: It
in more than is ordained and ordered, That no Master,
eight Passen- or Waterman working any Boat, or Wher-
gers, and ry between *London Bridge* and *Deptford.*
Two by the *Greenwich* and *Woolwich* aforesaid, or
Way. any of them shall receive, or take into
such

no such Boat, or Wherry above the Number
of eight Passengers at one Time, and
Ru- Two more if called in by the Way, up-
om- on pain that the Person, or Persons work-
the ing such Boat, or Wherry shall forfeit
ing and pay for every such Passenger over
ive and above the said Number so taken in
de, as aforesaid, to the Use aforesaid, the
ers Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence.
aid

GIBSON.



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HOARE, Mayor,

Martis 26 Die July 1713, Annoq; R. Regne Anna Magnae Britannia, &c. Duo Decimo

THIS Day the Committee appointed to inspect, alter and amend certain Rules and Orders lately made by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River of *Thames*, for the better Rule and Government of the said Society, or Company, to be examin'd, alter'd and approv'd by this Court, and afterwards confirm'd, or alter'd by the Lord Chief Justice of Her late Majesty's Court of *Queen's-Bench*, pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the several Acts of Parliament in that behalf, brought into this Court a Report in Writing, under their Hands, touching the same, which being here read, and the said Rules

(III)

Rules and Orders by them examin'd, alter'd and approv'd: A Petition of the Watermen inhabiting in the Parishes of *Greenwich* and *Deptford*, in behalf of themselves and others, praying that they may be heard by their Council, before this Court shall finally determine herein, was also presented and read, and Council on both Sides being called in, and fully heard touching the same. This Court, after long Debate and full Consideration had thereof, did examine and approve of the said Rules and Orders, with an Amendment now made to the last of them, by altering the Number of Passengers from Six to Eight; and doth order that the said Rules and Orders be fairly transcribed by Mr. Town Clerk, and laid before the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Parker*, Kt. Lord Chief Justice of her late Majesty's Court of *Queen's-Bench*, to be by him confirmed and altered pursuant to the Authority and Directions of the said several Acts of Parliament.

GIBSON.

I have seen and perus'd these Rules, Orders and By-Laws, and do approve, allow of, and confirm the same. Dated the
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*Twenty Eighth Day of April, Anno
Dom. 1714. And in the Thirteenth
Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lady Anne, by the Grace of God, of
Great Britain, France and Ireland,
Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

T. PARKER.

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An Abstract of all the Pecuniary Penalties impos'd by the before-mention'd By-Laws, confirm'd by the late Lord Chief Justice Parker, and in what By-Law.

l. s. d.

1	NONE to be employed in any other Business than as a Waterman or Lighterman, on forfeiture <i>per diem</i> —	00	10	00
2	To employ any Person not Free, and of the Company, forfeits <i>per diem</i> —	01	00	00
4	The Clerk to Summons the Comptrollers to every Court of Rulers, or forfeits —	00	10	00
5	Those Working between London Bridge and Woolwich not to carry above Ten Passengers, on forfeiture for every Passenger above the said Number — — — —	00	02	06

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ANNO
1729.

An ACT for making more effectual several Acts passed relating to Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen Rowing on the River Thames; and for better Ordering and Governing such Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen.

Preamble.

*Former
Laws found
ineffectual.*

WHEREAS several Laws and Statutes have been heretofore made for the better regulating and governing all Persons Free of the Watermens Company, owning, rowing, or working Boats, or other Craft upon the River *Thames*, between *Gravesend* in the County of *Kent*, and *Windsor* in the County of *Berks*; but the said Laws have by Experience been found to be ineffectual to answer the good Ends and Purposes thereof: And it is necessary to make further Provision in the Premises, and to provide against the Mischiefs which happen by intrusting Apprentices, too weak, unable, and unskilful in the Work, with the Care of Goods, and the Lives of Passengers on the said River;

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May it therefore please your Majesty,

That it may be **Enacted**; And be it **Enacted**, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* Commence-
ment of the
Act. One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, it shall not be lawful for any Person whatsoever, who now, or hereafter shall keep, use, hire or work any Wherry-Boat, Tilt-Boat, Barge, or other *Watermen,* Vessel, for carrying Passengers or Goods &c. not be-
ing House-
keepers, or
having no
known Ha-
bitations, for hire upon the River *Thames*, between *Gravesend* and *Windsor* aforesaid, to bind, receive, take or employ any Apprentice or Apprentices, Servant or prohibited to
take Appren-
tices. Servants, unless he shall be a House-keeper, or have some known Habitation, Lodging or Place of Abode, where he may receive and entertain such Apprentice or Apprentices, Servant or Servants; and shall from time to time, Register *Such Wa-
termen, &c.* with the Clerk of the said Company for to Register
their Places
of Abode. the Time being, the Habitation, Lodging or Place of Abode, where he shall then reside, or whereto he shall after-

And Places of Removal. wards remove, upon Pain that every Master or Person binding, receiving, taking, retaining or employing any Apprentice or Servant, contrary to this Act, and being thereof convicted before the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being, or before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Time being, for the said City, or for the County or Place where the Offenders shall be found, by the Oaths of two or more credible Witnesses, shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money of *Great-Britain*, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of such Lord Mayor, Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and for want of sufficient Distress, such Offender shall be by Warrant or Warrants, under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Lord Mayor, Justice or Justices of the Peace, committed to the next common or publick Workhouse or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, and to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding one Month, nor less than Fourteen Days; and

On Forfeiture of
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Offenders
how to be punished, in
case of in-
sufficient Dis-
tress.

and the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, is hereby required, upon any Application made to him, to Register the Habitation, Lodging and Place of Abode of every such Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, and every such Removal as aforesaid, of any or either of them, in some Book of the said Company to be kept for that Purpose without Fee or Reward; and in case such Clerk shall neglect or refuse so to do, he shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied as any other Penalty is to be levied, recovered and applied by this Act; And if any such Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman shall neglect or refuse to Register his Habitation, Lodging or Place of Abode, and every such Removal thereof as aforesaid, every such Apprentice or Apprentices bound to any such Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman, shall and may, upon Application made to the Rulers and Overseers of the said Company, or the major part of them, at any of their publick Courts or Assemblies, be by them turned over to any other Master or Mistress; any Indenture, Covenant, Contract or Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

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And

Clerk of the Company to Register such Places of Abode without Fee or Reward.

Penalty on the said Clerk, in case of Neglect or Refusal to Register.

Apprentices of Watermen &c. refusing to Register their Places of Abode and Removal, may be turned over to other Masters On Application to the Rulers and Overseers of the Company.

At what Age, and upon what Restrictions, Apprentices are permitted to have the sole Care of a Boat.

At 16 Years, if the Son of a Waterman.

At 17 if the Son of a Landman.

Penalty in Case of acting contrary to these Restrictions.

And, for the Security of the Lives of Passengers, and Safety of Goods passing on the said River between the Limits aforesaid; **Be it Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, One thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-nine, it shall not be lawful for any Apprentice to have or take upon him the sole Care and Management of any Boat or other Vessel upon the said River within the Limits aforesaid, until such Apprentice shall have attained the full Age of Sixteen Years, if he be the Son of a Waterman, and the Age of Seventeen Years, being the Son of a Landman, and unless such Apprentice shall have worked and rowed upon the said River with some able and skilful Waterman, Wherryman or Lighterman for the Space of Two Years at the least, before his attaining of the said respective Ages. And in case any such Apprentice under the Years aforesaid, shall offend or act contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall be convicted thereof in Manner as aforesaid, then and in such Case, the Master or Mistress of such Apprentice offending as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Ten *Shillings*,

Shillings, to be levied, recovered, paid and applied to and for such Uses and Purposes, and in such Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture in and by this Act is to be levied, recovered and applied.

And whereas pursuant to the Acts of Parliament in that behalf, the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants of the Society and Company of Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen upon the said River, between Gravesend and Windsor afore said, have for the better and more effectual keeping and maintaining good Order and Obedience amongst the said Society and Company, made and ordained several good Rules, Orders and Constitutions, with reasonable Penalties for Breach thereof, which being approved by the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London for the Time being, and afterwards confirmed by the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench for the Time being, are and ought to be observed and put in Execution; but the same are in great Measure ineffectual, for want of sufficient Distress to answer the said Penalties, by means whereof the most notorious Offenders often escape Unpunished,

Clause to enforce the Orders and Regulations made by the Rulers, Auditors and Assistants

Those Regulations having been approved by the Court of Ld. Mayor, &c.

And confirmed by the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench.

*Punishment
in Case of
insufficient
Distress.*

*Offenders to
be convicted
on this Act,
or on that II
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III.*

and the Offences are repeated, to the great Injury of his Majesty's Subjects: **For Remedy whereof; Be it Enacted,** by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases, where sufficient Distress cannot be found, to pay and satisfy the Penalties inflicted, or to be inflicted, by any such Rules, Orders or Constitutions so made or to be made, approved and confirmed as aforesaid, Oath being made of such Want of Distress before the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or before any Justice of the Peace for the County, City or Place where the Offender shall be found, it shall be lawful to and for such Lord Mayor or Justice of the Peace, and they are hereby required to commit such Offender to the publick Workhouse or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, and be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding one Month, nor less than fourteen Days, such Offender being convicted according to this Act, or the Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, intituled, *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men rowing*

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ing on the River Thames ; and for the better Ordering and Governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men, and Lightermen upon the said River between Gravesend and Windsor.

And be it further Enacted, by Persons not the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, not having served the Space of seven Years to any Waterman, Wherryman, or Lighterman, (except Trinitymen, Fishermen, Ballastmen, and Persons employed in rowing or any ways navigating Western Barges, Mill-Boats, Chalk-Hoys, Faggot and Wood-Lighters, Dung-Boats, and Gardeners Boats, in such manner as has been accustomed, and is allowed and reserved by the said Act made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King William the Third) shall row or cause to be rowed or worked, any Boat, Wherry, Lighter or other Vessel or Craft upon the said River, for Hire or Gain between the Limits aforesaid, at any time or times hereafter, that then and in such Case, every such Offender, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, being thereof convicted in such manner as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds of Lawful Money

Persons not having served Seven Years,
(Except Trinity-men, Fishermen, Ballastmen, &c.)
Not to Work on the River Thames;
On Pain of forfeiting
Great-10 l.

Great-Britain, to be levied and recovered in manner aforesaid : And for want of sufficient Distress it shall be Lawful to and for the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, and he and they are hereby required, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender to the next common or publick Workhouse, or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding one Month, nor less than fourteen Days.

*Punishment
on insuffi-
cient Dis-
tress.*

*Number of
Assistants
reduced to
30.*

*Who are to
be elected as
heretofore.*

And whereas by Experience, the present Number of Assistants of the said Company are so numerous, as at their Meetings (instead of doing Business) to occasion Confusion and Disturbance; **Be it Declared and Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Number of Assistants of the said Company, at their future Elections, shall be reduced to Thirty; but each of them the said Assistants, to be elected, named and appointed as heretofore they have been used severally to be.

Provided always, That this Act, *Proviso to*
 or any thing therein contained, shall not *preserve the*
 extend or be construed to extend to the *Right of the*
 lessening, taking away, abridging, hin- *Heirs of the*
 dring, prejudicing, or otherwise impeach- *late Duke of*
 ing of any Right belonging to, or law- *Richmond*
 fully claimed by the late *Charles* Duke
 of *Richmond* and *Lenox*, Lord of the
 Manor of *Gravesend*, his Heirs, Execu-
 tors, Administrators or Assigns, for the
 holding a certain Court within the said
 Manor, called *Curia Cursus Aquæ*, or the
 Court of the Water-course, for the better
 Government of Barges, Boats and Vessels,
 using the Ferry or Passage from the Town
 of *Gravesend* to *London*, and of the Per-
 sons owning or working the same, or of
 any other Rights, Libertiss, Powers and
 Privileges whatsoever, belonging to the
 said late Duke, his Heirs, Executors, Ad-
 ministrators and Assigns, relating to the
 said Ferry or Passage, or to the Barges,
 Tiltboats or other Boats and Vessels using
 the said Ferry or Passage, or plying at
 the Bridge of the said Town of *Graves-*
end, or the Persons owning or working
 the same, or otherwise howsoever.

Provided always, That this Act *Proviso to*
 or any thing therein contained, shall not *secure the*
 extend or be construed to extend to the *Rights of*
 lessening *the Parishes*

of Milton
and Graves-
end.

lessening, taking away, hindring, preju-
dicing or impeaching of any Grants, Li-
berties, Franchises, Customs, Privileges
or Usages, now or heretofore lawfully
used, held or enjoyed by the Mayor,
Jurats and Capital Inhabitants of the
Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend* and
Milton in the County of *Kent*, touch-
ing, concerning or relating to the Passage
and Ferry upon the said River of *Thames*,
from the said Villages and Parishes of
Gravesend and *Milton*, to the said City
of *London*, or touching or concerning
the Government or Gubernation of the
said Passage and Ferry, but that the said
Mayor, Jurats and Inhabitants, and their
Successors, shall and may do and execute
all and every such lawful Act and Acts,
Powers and Authorities touching the said
Passage and Ferry, and the Government
thereof, as they might or could have
done, if this Act had not been made; any
thing herein contained to the contrary
thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Rights of
the Owners
or Lessees of
Keys between
the Hermi-
tage and
London-
Bridge,
secured.

**Provided always; and it is
hereby Declared,** That it shall and
may be lawful to and for the Lessees,
Owners or Occupiers of any Key or Keys
betwixt the *Hermitage Bridge* and *Lon-
don-Bridge*, or any or either of them, to
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use their, and every of their Lighters, or large Crafts, as has been heretofore lawfully accustomed for the carrying of Goods and Merchandizes to and from their respective Keys and Wharfs, and to and from Ships loading or unloading, and to employ any Person or Persons being Watermen or Lightermen duly qualified, as in and by the said Act passed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William the Third*; (Intituled, *An Act for the Explanation and better Execution of former Acts made touching Watermen and Wherry-men rowing on the River of Thames; and for the better ordering and governing the said Watermen, Wherry-men and Lightermen upon the said River, between Gravesend and Windsor*) is directed or appointed to row and work in their respective Lighters, or large Craft, and to do and act any things, as heretofore they might lawfully do, from such their respective Keys and Wharfs, to any Ships or Vessels, as aforesaid; any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Penalties and Forfeitures which shall be incurred

Penalties and Forfeitures, how to be recovered.

or forfeited by virtue of this Act, shall
and may be sued and prosecuted for by
the Rulers and Overseers of the said
Company, or any two of them for the
time being, in such manner as is provided
for and directed by the said Act, pass'd
in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of
the Reign of King William the Third,
(Intituled, *An Act for the Explanation
and better Execution of former Acts,*
made, touching Watermen and Wherry-
men rowing on the River of Thames;
and for the better ordering and govern-
ing the said Watermen, Wherry-men, and
Lightermen, upon the said River between
Gravesend and Windsor:) And when not

*Penalties,
&c. how to
be applied.*

the said Penalties and Forfeitures shall be
recovered or levied, the same shall be
paid to the said Rulers and Overseers of
the said Company, or the major part of
them for the time being, and shall be by
them paid and distributed to and for the
Use of the Poor of the said Company,
in such manner as the said Rulers and
Overseers, or the major part of them,

*Prosecutions
for the said
Penalties to
be commenc-
ed within a
Month.*

for the time being, shall think fit; and
all Prosecutions for the said Penalties and
Forfeitures shall be commenced within
One Month next after the Offence shall
be committed.

And

shall **And be it Enacted**, by the Authority afore-
 said, That all Constables and Headboroughs shall be aiding and assisting
 then the due Execution of this Act: And that in case any Suit or Prosecution shall
 be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Matter, Cause, or Thing
 done in Pursuance of this Act, or any former Act relating to the Water-Service on
 the said River, or to the Regulating and Governing the Company and Persons a-
 fore-
 said; that in every such Case, the Action, Suit, or Prosecution, shall be
 brought and commenced within Thirty Days next after the Fact committed, and
 not afterwards; and such Person or Persons so sued, prosecuted or molested, shall
 be and may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, plead the General Issue,
 and give this, and any such former Act, and the special Matter in Evidence at any
 Tryal to be had thereupon; and that the same was done in Pursuance, and by the
 Authority of the said former Acts, or this present Act: And if the same shall appear
 so to be done, or that such Action, Suit, or Prosecution shall be brought or com-
 menced after the Time before limited for bringing or commencing the same, that
 then the Jury shall find for the Defendant

All Constables, &c. to be assisting in putting this Act in Execution.

Actions against Persons who put this Act in Execution, to be brought in 30 Days.

Such Persons may plead the General Issue, &c.

*Upon Non-
suit, Discon-
tinuance or
Demurrer,
Defendants
to recover
Treble Costs.*

*This Act
to be deemed
a Publick
Act.*

ant or Defendants; and if upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have and recover Treble Costs, and have such Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in any other Cases by Law: And that this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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